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Invasion of Poland feared

Brezhnev dashes to Prague

PRAGUE, April 5 (AP) — Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev arrived here Sunday to attend a Communist Party meeting, and there was speculation he would preside at a summit of Warsaw Pact leaders to decide whether to send troops into Poland.

The Soviet news agency Tass said Brezhnev and Czech leader Gustav Husak met later Sunday and "informed each other about topical questions" of bilateral relations and exchanged views on some international problems.

Meanwhile, fresh Warsaw Pact units were reported being rushed to maneuvers along Poland's borders. "In the concentration and jump-off points, army members were informed politically and militarily of the coming combat mission," the East German news agency ADN said in reporting the new call-up Sunday. It did not elaborate on the "combat mission."

The agency said that during meetings with their Soviet counterparts, Warsaw Pact troops expressed their determination to use all means "to protect the socialist community and the peaceful life of all citizens against the tricks of imperialism," an often-repeated Soviet assessment of the situation in Poland.

ADN said the Warsaw Pact nations sent fresh troops from "deep inside their own ter-

ritory" to the nearly two-week-old Soyuz-81 maneuvers in and near Poland. It said the new units included tank, rocket, artillery, reconnaissance and communications forces, which arrived by rail and truck under the cover of jet fighters. "The commander-in-chief and commanders organized the rapid movement of new forces with their staffs," ADN said.

Communist Party and Western diplomatic sources suggested, meanwhile, that the leaders of other Warsaw Pact nations might arrive in Prague later in the day. A Romanian delegation arrived here late Saturday — without party chief Nicolae Ceausescu. Ceausescu, a Maverick in the Communist camp, has said Poland should be allowed to solve its problems without external interference. Romanian leaders also did not attend the six-nation Warsaw Pact summit meeting in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, three weeks before the Soviet invasion there.

In Warsaw official sources said Polish Communist leader Stanislaw Kania is expected to join Brezhnev and other Warsaw Pact chiefs in Prague to reassure them about events in Poland. The sources said that in the event of his attendance at any East bloc meeting, Kania would try to convince them the Polish party's ability to solve its problems.

On Jerusalem

Pope, Chatti hold talks today

By Ayman Zahid

JEDDAH, April 5 — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference arrived in Rome Sunday for a meeting with Pope Paul VI, OIC sources said here Saturday.

The Vatican talks "are in response to the resolutions by Muslim foreign ministers who participated in the deliberations of the Jerusalem Committee."

The third Islamic summit conference, which was held in Taif last January, had recommended permanent contacts with the Vatican, the World Council of Churches and other Christian religious bodies and organizations, to rally support for the restoration of Arab sovereignty over Jerusalem and the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the legitimate representatives of the people of Palestine.

Monday's meeting will be Chatti's second with Pope Paul. His first meeting was in early April last year, when he accompanied the chairman of the Jerusalem Committee, King Hassan II of Morocco, during his visit to the Vatican.

An extraordinary session of the Islamic foreign ministers on Jerusalem was held last September following Israel's declaration on the annexation of Jerusalem and making it the eternal capital of the Zionist entity. The Islamic states had then urged The Vatican and other Christian circles to condemn the Israeli decision. They had also sent a message to the Pope and decided to intensify contacts with The Vatican to explain the Islamic stance on Israel's unjust decision.

Chatti returned to Jeddah Saturday night from Baghdad where he met Tareq Aziz, Iraqi vice-president and member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council. He said



AUDIENCE: Pope Paul VI with King Hassan II of Morocco, chairman of the Jerusalem Committee and Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference during a meeting last year. Chatti arrived in Rome Sunday and was due to meet the Pope Monday.

The sources said they believed that Chatti could not meet Saddam Hussein as the Iraqi president was late to return from his daily inspection tour of the battlefield with Iran. The new additional proposals they added were then submitted to Tareq Aziz.

In a statement to reporters upon his return from Baghdad Chatti said the new proposals were added to original peace package "in the light of replies of both parties." He added that Iraq and Iran "will now study the new proposals and are expected to give their replies in the next few days, and perhaps in a week."

The secretary general, who expressed optimism at the latest contacts with the two warring countries, said the efforts of the Islamic good will mission have now entered an actual phase toward implementing the principles of the third Islamic summit to end the Gulf war.

The Islamic mission he said "will now tackle details of its package and that committees will be formed to supervise ceasefire and withdrawal, after which international boundaries of the two countries will be demarcated."

He also said that the proposed Islamic court will define the responsibility of starting the war.

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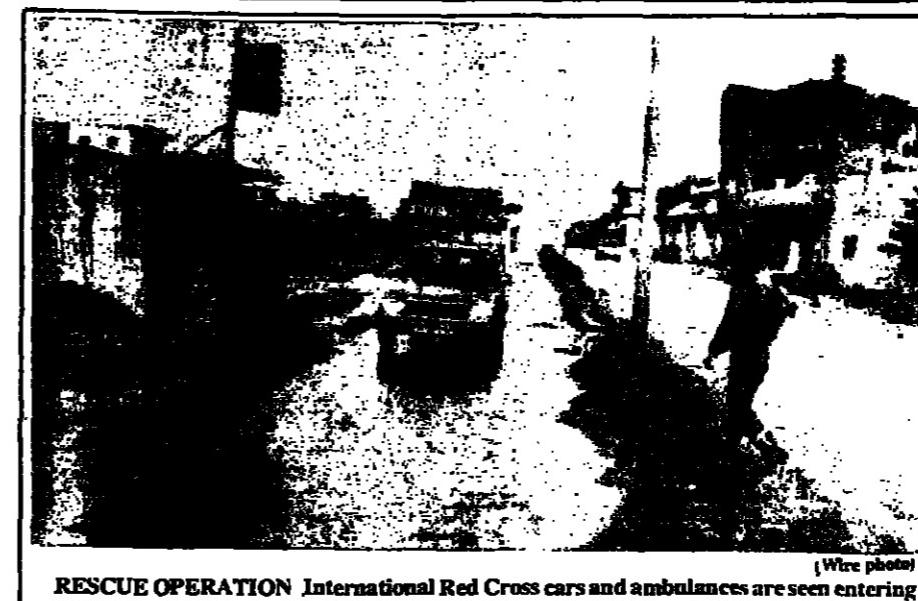
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RESCUE OPERATION International Red Cross cars and ambulances are seen entering the eastern Lebanese city of Zahlé which had been shelled for the last few days. Roadblocks and two Syrian soldiers carrying Soviet-made arms are seen in the eastern part of the market city. (see story page 3)

Haig calms Israeli misgivings

TEL AVIV, April 5 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig sought to calm Israeli fears over U.S. military sales to Saudi Arabia by declaring Sunday that Israel's security and well-being are "central to American policy in the Middle East."

Haig arrived here on the second stop of his tour of key Middle East nations. Earlier, he conferred in Cairo with President Anwar Sadat, who voiced praise both for Haig and for American foreign policy.

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Finns visit agricultural areas

French review cooperation efforts

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer received the French foreign trade minister, Michel Konita, here Sunday morning. The French minister, who arrived on a few days' visit Friday night, held talks with senior Saudi Arabian officials.

The meeting, attended by Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faisal Bashir and French ambassador here Michel Drumetz, discussed the possibility of French companies' participation in promoting the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. The contribution of French technology to the transportation and telecommunication projects in Saudi Arabia also was one of the other important issues discussed by the two ministers.

Later, Konita and his accompanying delegation visited the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC). The French minister met with Ibrahim Abdullah ibn Salmah, SABIC planning and evaluation director general. They reviewed issues of mutual interest and related to industry. The French delegation was shown a film on SABIC's projects and its construction of the industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu.

Earlier, Konita held talks with Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman

Muslim league to aid Sudan Koran printing

JEDDAH, April 5 (SPA) — The World Islamic League offered SR1.5 million as the league's contribution to a project in Sudan for printing one million copies of the Holy Koran and for constructing a number of mosques in Sudan, a high ranking league official said here Sunday.

Muhammad Safwat, assistant secretary general of the World Islamic League also said \$250,000 would also be granted by the league for the setting up ten Islamic centers in Sudan.

He added the league had also provided SR200,000 for establishing a high mosque council and an institute for recruitment and training of Muslim imams and Islamic educators in Sudan. Safwat said that the World Islamic League would set up relief projects for Eritrean refugee camps in Sudan.



Minister Soliman A. Solaim with France's Michel Konita

Al-Sheikh. The meeting concentrated on preparing agricultural land and the possibility of using French technology in this aspect. Muhammad Ali Makkhi, deputy agriculture minister; Abdul Latif Al-Ajaji, deputy minister for research and development; and Ambassador Drumetz attended the meeting.

The French minister said he discussed France's supply of machinery to the Kingdom that contributes in the development of the Saudi Arabian economy in general and the agricultural sector in particular. The discussions covered the issue of desalination and possible participation of French know-how.

The meeting also reviewed the achievements of the Third Five-Year Development Plan and France's contribution. The ministers discussed regular meetings that should be held between officials of the two countries in the field of planning.

In another development, the Finnish minister of agriculture and forestry, Dahkamaa Taisto, who is visiting the Kingdom, left for the Qassim Region Sunday. Taisto was accompanied by Said Suwaid, director general of grazing areas and forestry, and members of his delegation. The Finnish officials will tour the region and inspect agricultural projects and development.

Taisto arrived in the Kingdom Friday night and held talks with Agriculture and Water



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh with Finland's Dahkamaa Taisto

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In a separate agricultural development, the Agriculture and Water Ministry's Yanbu branch plans to organize a series of agricultural seminars and meetings with local farmers to guide them in boosting production.

Salah Al-Jihani, the branch director, said Sunday that the Agriculture Directorate provides farmers protection against pests that endanger their products. Teams of veterinary experts patrol the bedouin areas to treat cattle and provide vaccination against diseases, Jihani said.

He added that the ministry has constructed a water network that covers Yanbu's villages and districts. The network will go into operation in a few days as the desalination plant is dedicated, Jihani said.

The agreement calls for joint ventures, exchange of visits and mutual training of personnel.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Mahmud Hafez
AI Nadwa

Last week Indonesia hosted a meeting of the cultural and economic committee, an offshoot of the Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference, to discuss cultural and economic matters of the Islamic world. The outcome of the meeting will form an important topic of discussion for the upcoming Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference in Baghdad.

The Baghdad conference will be confronted with a number of subjects which had not been completed earlier as a result of disagreements among conference members. To mention a few, participants will have to deal with the enforcement of the Islamic law (Sharia); the standardization of Islamic months and the Islamic universities to be opened in Uganda and Niger. Other topics of equal

UNICEF fund debates plan

BAHRAYN, April 5 (R) — Saudi Arabia and six other Arab states discussed Sunday setting up a multi-million dollar foundation to channel money to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other U.N. aid agencies.

Prince Talal ibn Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia, a special envoy for UNICEF and the moving force behind the new foundation, said after the meeting he hoped finance ministers of the seven states would finally approve the plan at talks in Kuwait later this month.

He said Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain would make all their future contributions to U.N. agencies through the new Gulf Arab Development Fund.

Initial contributions to the foundation by the seven governments would total \$120 to \$130 million, less than the \$200 million originally envisaged. But Prince Talal said the foundation would also be collecting donations from private companies and hoped to raise the full \$200 million by the end of this year.

Qatar, Kingdom sign petrochemical pact

DOHA, April 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Qatar signed Sunday an agreement to study the feasibility of a number of joint petrochemical projects. The agreement was signed by the Qatari Minister of Finance and Petroleum Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Thani and the Saudi Arabia Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi.

The agreement calls for joint ventures, exchange of visits and mutual training of personnel.

the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA), led by Yacoub Saga, Ghanaian minister of state for foreign affairs.

The minister was quoted then as saying, "The UAE sympathizes with the plight of refugees in Africa and is prepared to contribute in any positive effort that would help bring a just solution to this problem." A document prepared by the United States shows that the agency needs about \$1.5 billion worth of urgent aid to protect more than five million African refugees during the coming three years.

From Arab News Gulf Bureau

OMAN, April 5 — A communications complex, including an earth station and telephone exchange, has been opened at Khasab on the Musandam Peninsula.

Work on the RO730,000 station, which has a satellite dish and ancillary equipment, started in September and was operational in time for national day in November. The exchange, which cost RO79,000, started to go up in July.

The earth station, which is linked to the Al Hajar earth station near Muscat, means that services such as telex, television, telephone and radio can be installed and be operational. To date there are only 10 telephone lines in Khasab, but a contract is to be signed between the Musandam Development Committee and the General Telecommunications Organization to install more.

Meanwhile, some RO36 million has been allocated in the current five year plan to provide basic services to the Musandam community. Sayyid Majid bin Taimur was guest of honor at the opening ceremony, accompanied by Oman's Minister of Electricity and Water, Hamoud Abdulla Al Hardi, who is also chairman of the Musandam Development Committee.

Prince Abdullatif honors competitors

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullatif gave a party at the Ferusiyah club Sunday evening honoring the Kingdom's delegation — owners of the horses and coaches who participated in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Horse Racing Championship in Kuwait last week. The Kingdom won the championship for the second time.

Saudi Arabian/Yemen group to meet

By a Staff Writer

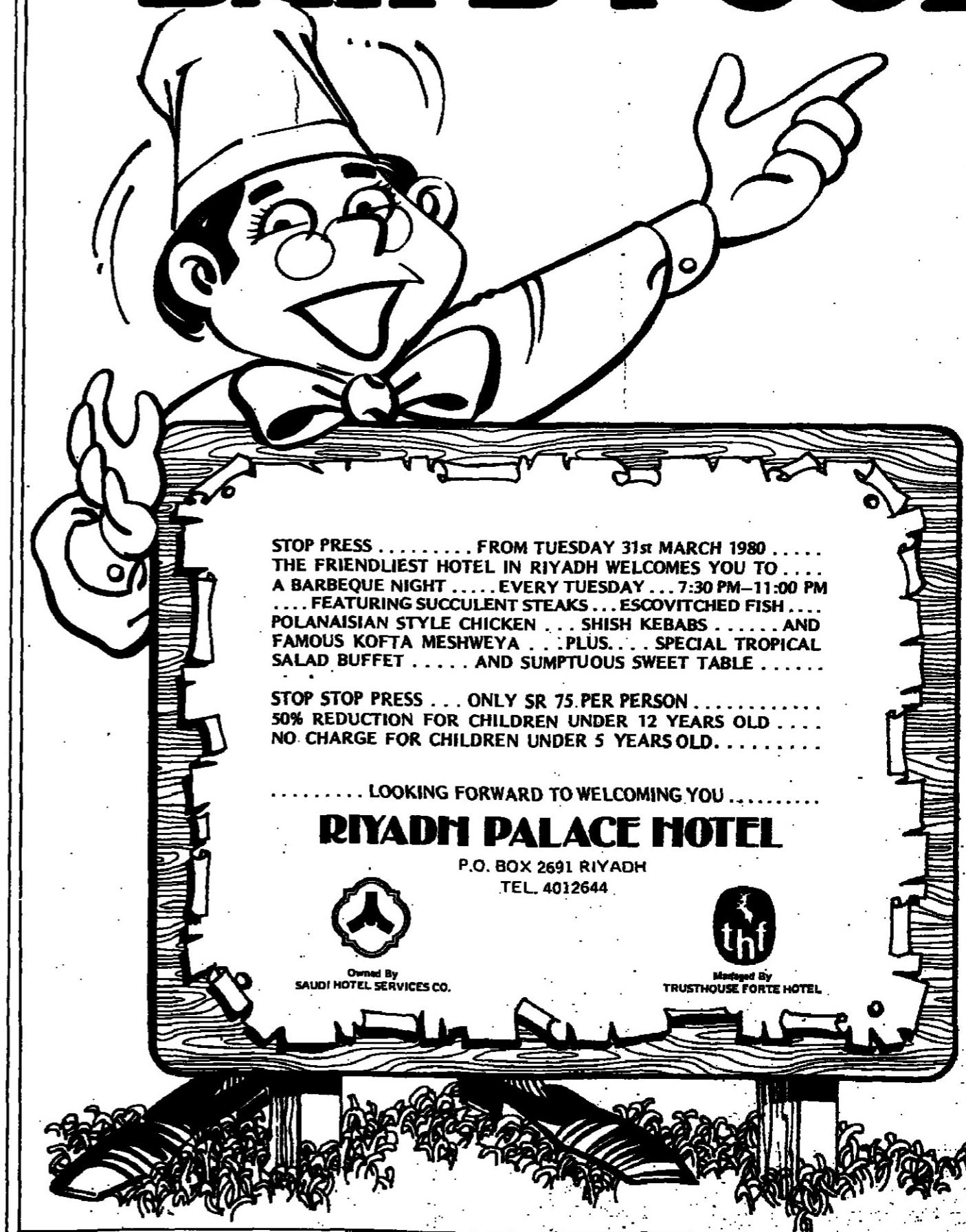
SANA'A, April 5 — The Saudi Arabian/Yemeni Coordination Council will begin meeting in Jeddah Saturday to review the Kingdom's economic assistance to the Yemeni Arab Republic.

The date was decided at a meeting here Sunday between Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al Iryani and Ambassador Sheikh Tirad Al Hardi.

Yemen's Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al Thawar will lead the Yemeni delegation. The Saudi Arabian delegation is usually led by Prince Sultan, defense minister.

The council was set up to allocate the projects which are undertaken in Yemen by the Saudi Arabian aid bureau in Sana'a which builds roads, schools, hospitals, waterworks and other services requested by the Yemeni government. Saudi Arabia also provides budgetary aid on a quarterly basis.

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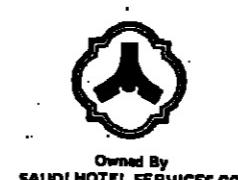
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Exhibition features technology

Al Khobar Bureau

KHOBAR, April 5 — Prince Abdul ibn Jilwi, Eastern Province Governor, opened the second technology exhibition of industrial development in Saudi Sunday night at Al-Khobar's Al-Metropolitan Hotel.

Tech II was sponsored by Tidomaising, Public Relations and Marketing Co. Company in cooperation with East Trade Exhibitions, Saudi Tech ad 120 exhibitors representing 200 nations from 36 countries which include United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan and Arabia.

Interest is to sponsor exhibitions concerning the development plans of Saudi, "Talal Dhulaymi, vice president of a, told *Arab News* at the opening cer-

emony, which takes place just after the first one, complements what was done there," he added. "We'd better to have it now while we're at the beginning of the second develop-

Dhulaymi attributed the importance of the exhibition center to the proximity of an exhibition center to the proximity of oil. Among those exhibiting their wares

ocean, the largest world-wide chemical company which employs 180,000 people 100 of whom are engaged in research at its West Germany, the U.K., France, S.A. Egypt, Brazil, India, and Japan. It oceant which supplied the new Jeddah nursery with 12,000 square meters of netting, industrial delegate, Lang, told *Arab News*. The company applies Aramco with exploration cel- embers for drilling mud, workover, and fluid.

Tech II was the first exhibition in the to be entered by Crane Ltd., a U.K. subsidiary of the American corporation with same name, and Crane-Denning, a manufacturing company within the corporation. Crane, purveyors of valves and pipe fittings for the petro- and gas industry, has been supplying amco with valves for the past 20 years.

first-ever venture in a commercial exhibition, the new state of Zim- mounted displays of its agricultural ments, pre-fab housing, textiles and ig. Also exhibited were photographs of stock to be exported, including the beef Africana, a breed noted for its resis- to heat.

o, a subsidiary of the energy company, Richfield, demonstrated a rator, florescent lighting, air flow energy unit, and an air conditioning unit entirely solar energy collectors positioned in indoor area adjacent to the company. Each 4x1 foot module on the photovoltaic collector is capable of generating 37 s of electricity per hour, claimed Brian Arco representative in Abu Dhabi. ing to Abu Dhabi soon will be the st-ever cartridge system for down well injection, sold by Pall, an Anglo-American corporation whose principal products are fine filters for gases and liquids and dryers. The Abu Dhabi system will ve particles of 1 micron in diameter the water injected down well in an oil scheme producing several hundred barrels per day. Three hundred of company's compressed air dryers have supplied to Aramco to prevent corrosion instruments on pipelines.

ymetrics water treatment of the U.S. in Saudi Arabia 5 years, supplying nation equipment to customers in like Yanbu, where the company built a to process 3 million gallons of sea a day, and Dammam, where it recently ed a contract to treat water for the rush project.

completing a contract to build a brick in Riyadh was the Italian exhibitor, Bongianni, which sells machines and ate installation for brick and roofing manufacturing plants. The Riyadh facility will have a maximum capacity to produce 400 to 500 tons of Bricks a day.



(Arab News photo)
DEMONSTRATION: Members of the Hajj committee watch various tents being burned to demonstrate fire retardant properties.

Hajj officials sees fire experiment

JEDDAH, April 5 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif, Mecca Governor Prince Majed and other senior officials watched the first successful experiments in the use of fire-resistant material on tents which will be used during the next pilgrimage season to minimize the incidence of fire.

Prince Naif chaired a meeting of the Pilgrimage committee at King Abdul Aziz University, where the Pilgrimage Research Center is studying various aspects of the annual rite attended by nearly two million people. The center will continue experimenting with the material

and will recommend spraying all the tents once it is convinced of its efficacy.

KAU rector Dr. Abdullah Nassif reviewed the precautions and made recommendations to reduce the risks of fire as much as possible. Dr. Nassif said the center is carrying out research on all aspects of the pilgrimage and has collected 30,000 photographs about the annual rite. He praised the government's efforts and services to the pilgrims.

The committee also discussed other matters connected with the pilgrimage including the traffic regulations.

Dabbagh opens health festival

RIYADH, April 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian health week was opened here Saturday by Dr. Hashem Al-Dabbagh, director general of preventive medicine on behalf of Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jaziri.

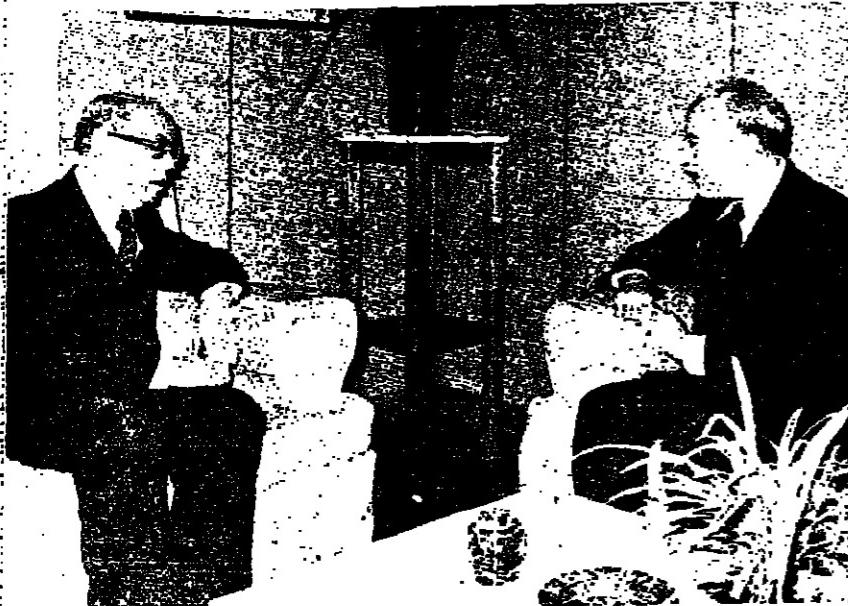
The week was organized by the Health Ministry in conjunction with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Saudi Arabian Art and Cultural Society and other government departments concerned to mark International Health Day.

Dr. Dabbagh said the purpose of such a festival is to highlight the importance of collective action in maintaining health awareness through seminars, lectures and open dialogue. He added that a committee had been set up to view the necessary arrangements for Saudi Arabia's participation in the International Year for the Handicapped through seminars and similar activities. The week will show the citizens what the state has done for them in terms of health care and safety, Dr. Dabbagh said.

Health week will comprise a health exhibition, lectures on student health, first aid and "traffic health." Friday will be the day for UNICEF to mark The Handicapped Child's Day (April 10).

The exhibition can be visited from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lectures will be given between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday will be devoted for women.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, one of the main objectives of the government is to provide adequate medical facilities free of charge or at nominal rates for all sections of the population. To reach this goal, the Ministry of Health has continued to expand and improve its activities both in curative and preventive fields.



(CNA photo)
DISCUSSIONS: Asad Abdul Aziz Al-Zahrani, the Kingdom's ambassador to the Republic of China (right), visited Adm. Tsou Chien, commander-in-chief of the Navy, recently. The officials exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. Adm. Tsou decorated Ambassador Al-Zahrani for his promotion to the rank of ambassador.

Prayer Times

Today	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Ajr (Dawn)	4:45	4:44	4:15	4:01	4:25	4:54
Iluhr (Noon)	12:23	12:24	11:55	11:42	12:07	12:36
Asr (Evening)	3:49	3:53	3:24	3:12	3:37	4:08
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OIC to finalize human rights document

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, April 5 — A two-day meeting to finalize a document on Human Rights in Islam and submit it to the 12th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference scheduled to be held in Baghdad next June began here Sunday at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat. Legal experts from 40 members of the organization are called upon to finalize the draft.

In his inaugural speech Saturday, OIC Secretary General Hubib Chatti said the document is of urgent importance to the Islamic world. The speech was read on his behalf by Arshad-u-Zaman, OIC assistant secretary general for political affairs and information.

Chatti said the idea to prepare such a document was first debated during a seminar held in Niamey, Niger, in 1977. The seminar was jointly organized by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (an off-shoot of the OIC) and the government of Niger. Afterwards it was discussed and studied by specialized committees formed for this purpose in 1978, 1979, and

Guinea Bissau aid let
JEDDAH, April 5 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank Saturday loaned Guinea Bissau \$5 million to import refined petroleum by products from Senegal. The agreement was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and Jose Lopez, director general of Guinea Bissau's National Bank.

The agreement brings to \$38.5 million the loans extended to Guinea Bissau. The bank already helped finance a number of operations, including oil and cement imports.

1980.

A first draft already was submitted to the Third Islamic Summit Conference. But in view of the importance of the document in highlighting the human and cultural aspects of the Islamic perspective of human rights, it was referred to the committee grouping all member states to be put in its final form before submission to the 12th conference.

Other meetings scheduled at the Islamic Secretariat before the Baghdad conference include a meeting of experts on information from April 7-8 in Jeddah; a meeting of the ad-

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Sughair arrives in Oman

MUSCAT, April 5 (SPA) — Muhammad Abdulla Al-Sughair, vice-chairman and delegated member of the Saudi Development Fund, arrived in Muscat Saturday on a few days' visit to Oman. Sughair will hold talks with Omani officials on cooperation between the fund and the sultanate.

Management training scheduled

DHAHRAN, April 5 (SPA) — The Petroleum and Minerals University's Faculty of Industrial Management will organize a training course for government, private companies and bank employees. The management session comes in the context of administration development program to fulfill management activity requirements and new developments in the governmental work. The two-week session starts April 25.

Riyadh lecture noted

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Mujeed Al-Zandani will give a lecture on "Faith and Culture" at the lectures hall of Riyad University Monday evening. Yanbu airport to open

YANBU, April 5 (SPA) — Yanbu Airport will open in two weeks after completing work on its facilities, according to Naif Al-Sudairi the emir of Yanbu. Sudairi said that the airport will receive Boeing 737 planes as a first step. He added that additional facilities will be built after the opening to make the airport a complete one that will contribute in the development of the Red Sea industrial city.

Governor to attend sports games

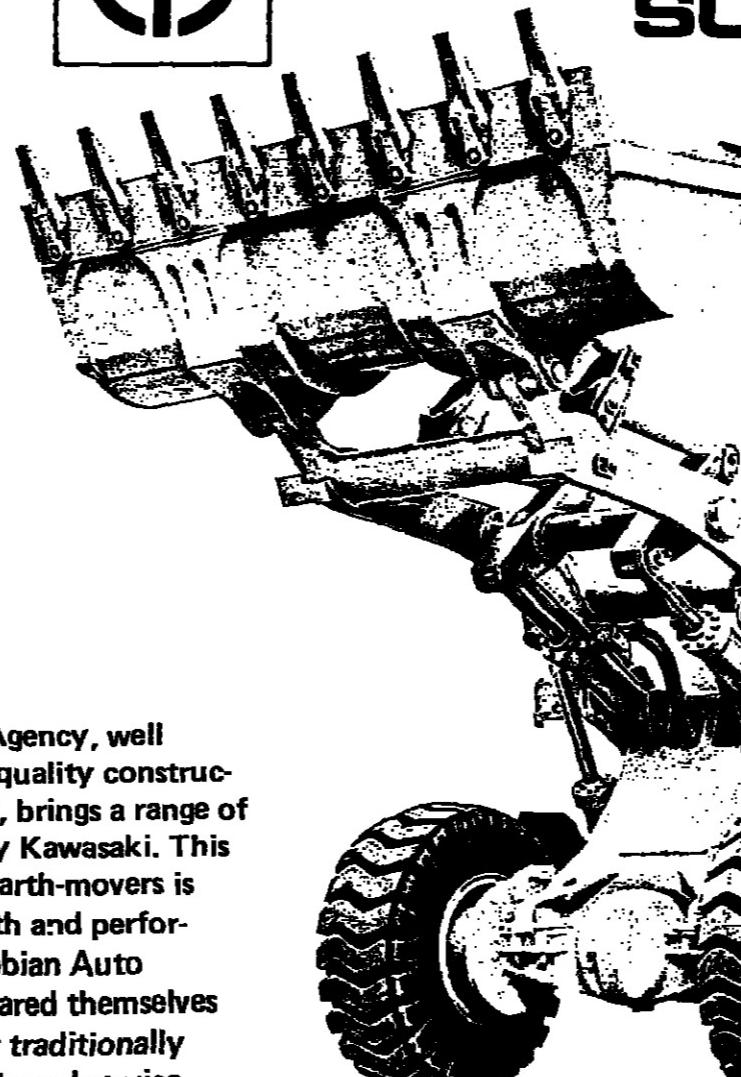
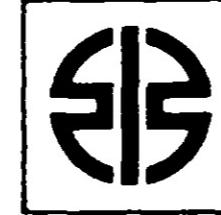
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Entezam trial illegal, says Iran's top jurist

TEHRAN, April 5 (R) — A leading Iranian jurist has questioned the legality of the trial of former Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amiri Entezam.

In an open message published in Tehran newspapers, Teherani called on President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr to intervene in the trial, saying: "It is, as you know, in some respects illegal."

Teherani, widely considered the most eminent "Faqi" (Islamic legal expert) in Iran, is one of the few clergymen to have made public criticism of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini. Entezam, who was deputy prime minister in the interim administration of Mehdi Bazargan in 1979 has said that as he faces political charges, his trial should be fully open to the public, broadcast on radio and video.

Attack on Reagan

Polisario sends message to U.S.

ALGIERS, April 5 (AP) — Muhammed Abdullaziz, secretary-general of the Polisario Front fighters in the western Sahara, has sent a message to Washington condemning the "criminal attack" on President Ronald Reagan and sympathizing with the "friendly American people," a Polisario statement published here said Saturday.

The message was sent Wednesday from Haga, in western Sahara, where the Polisario is fighting the Moroccan army. It said: "The Polisario Front joins with the American people and American public opinion in this difficult moment, following the criminal attack on the American president and some of his aides."

"In the name of the Saharan people, we condemn this criminal attack and the manifestations of terrorism and resurrection of fascism," the message said. "We share deeply the pain of the friendly American people".

Algeria, which is a main backer of the Polisario Front, has recently shown disconcert at the U.S. decision to sell battle tanks to Morocco, the Polisario's opponent.

On RDF

Thatcher writes to Kuwait premier

KUWAIT, April 5 (AP) — Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah received a message from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Saturday, but officials declined to disclose its contents.

Informed sources said the message was believed to deal with clarifications on Thatcher's recent remarks about the Rapid Deployment Force. The British leader had angered the Arabs when she reportedly supported the U.S. idea of setting up a military

force for possible intervention in the Gulf region to combat Soviet influence, if need be.

British Defense Secretary John Nott toured the Gulf countries earlier this week and tried to allay Arab fears by saying that Britain would never send forces to the Gulf against the will of the governments of the region.

The force, proposed by the United States to defend Western interests in the Gulf, was opposed by several Arab countries, all of them holding the view that the defense of the Gulf is the responsibility of the Arabs themselves.

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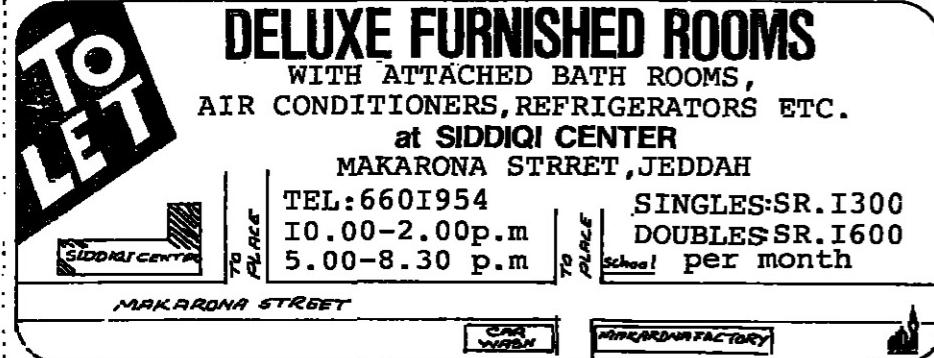
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Guns boom for fifth day in Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 5 (Agencies) — Fighting of varying intensity flared into a fifth day between Syrian peacekeeping forces and rightwing Christian militia warriors in Lebanon Sunday and police reported 149 have been killed and about 500 wounded.

The Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan telephoned Lebanon's political leaders in an effort to bring about a ceasefire along Beirut's Green Line and in east Lebanon's city of Zahlé, officials reported.

Guns roared across the five kms dividing line from both the Syrian-manned Muslim side and the Christian side controlled by regular Lebanese army units and militiamen of the Phalange party. Communiques from the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Forces (ADF), which polices a four-year-old civil war armistice in Lebanon, asserted its fire was concentrated against rightwing militia positions, and not to the Lebanese army.

The Lebanese command said regular forces on the mid-city Green-Line were "returning fire directed against them from the other side," without mentioning the Syrians or their nationalist Muslim supporters by name.

Frequent ceasefire agreements announced

by Lebanon's state radio during the night failed to bring an end to the hostilities. But the artillery was sporadic overnight and in the morning. Thousands of families close to the mid-city frontline spent the night in cellars, basements and bomb shelters set up during the 1975-76 civil war.

Phalangists and their Muslim nationalist and Palestinian opponents in the civil war proclaimed 54 ceasefires, but none took hold in the 19-month conflict that claimed more than 37,000 lives. The war was smothered by the Syrians in November of 1976 and have since been maintaining a 22,000-man army in Lebanon to oversee the armistice.

Police and the Phalangist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said Syrian troops and tanks ringing Zahlé exchanged heavy fire with the city's Phalangist garrison as efforts continued to implement a four-point agreement worked out 48 hours ago to enforce a ceasefire. The agreement calls for a ceasefire, entry of a Lebanese regular force to the city to take up security duties from Phalangists, the evacuation of all Phalangist non-native militiamen and granting Syrian forces full control over the Zahlé section of the international highway that links eastern Lebanon with the Syrian border, official sources

reported.

The accord, worked out by government representatives and Syrian command officers, provides for the Syrians to lift their siege of the city of 200,000 inhabitants (48 kms) east of Beirut 15 days after the ceasefire takes hold and the rest of the terms are carried out.

In Zahlé, residents started their fifth day without water and electricity. Families have been hiding in bomb shelters during a Syrian bombardment of the town.

Meanwhile, *Monday Morning*, an English language weekly said Lebanon's U.N. ambassador proposed a mixed Arab-U.N. peacekeeping force to replace Syrian forces.

"I think we've never been nearer to partition in Lebanon than we are today," Ambassador Ghassan Tueni told the magazine Sunday. "What has been happening today is not only reminiscent of 1975 and 1978 but, given the passage of time and the expectations that were allowed to develop, Lebanon now finds itself at the limits of survival."

The clashes which began five days ago have left 149 persons killed and 500 others injured.

Tueni suggested a replacement of the Syrian force, functioned by the Arab League as the "Arab Deterrent Force," by a mixed force of Arab and U.N. troops. He added to simply propose its replacement by U.N. peacekeeping force is an oversimplification of the issue at stake. What we must develop is a "mix" of a more diversified force with U.N. troops within a comprehensive security plan that will allow an ever-growing role in Lebanon's own armed forces."

Tueni said we upheld the view that the Palestinian problem was at the root of the Lebanese crisis. "There has been a prevailing logic in the Lebanese war. That this whole crisis and the ensuing war were caused by the Palestinians' revolution and their struggle from the south of regain their right to self-determination, which was often conducive to abuses in other areas of Lebanon and conflicts with the Lebanese state and various Lebanese parties." If this logic is correct, and indeed it is, then the natural conclusion is that the evolution of the war, including the injection of the Arab Deterrent Forces and the ensuing alignments and re-alignments, crises and counter-crisis are so many facets of the same question."

"What Lebanon has suffered is beyond its tolerance. The very heavy toll would have been acceptable if we were convinced that this war was really conducive to a just and lasting peace in the area ... what is at stake now, more than ever, is our ability to remain one state and one people," Tueni said.

In Washington, the State Department said Saturday the United States is making diplomatic efforts to help to stop the fighting in Lebanon. But the department would not comment on a suggestion by right-wing Phalangist radio in Beirut that the United

States had made a direct offer of help to the Lebanese government.

The radio said two international powers had placed their resources at the disposal of the Lebanese government and that this information had been passed to President Elias Sarkis by U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean at a meeting Saturday.

In Amman, the president of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Alexander Hay, Sunday appealed to all factions in Lebanon to stop fighting and agree to a peaceful solution.

Opening the first Arabic seminar on international law, he said: "In the name of humanity, I appeal to all those fighting in Lebanon to stop this senseless killing immediately," "Let us all put an end to this tragedy and save the countless human lives lost everyday."

In Tel Aviv, Israel issued a veiled warning to Syria Sunday that it might intervene militarily in Lebanon unless massive Syrian attacks on Israel's Christian allies there stopped. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told Israel radio: "Israel cannot sit idly by with folded arms and be apathetic to the massacre of Lebanon's civilians by the Syrians."

Shamir said Israel was in contact with the United States and other friendly countries about Lebanon and had told them that it views with great concern the wild attacks of the Syrian army together with the Palestinian commandos on Lebanon's Christian citizens."

In Damascus, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met Syrian President Hafez Assad and informed sources there said they discussed the situation in Lebanon. Syrian officials said President Assad received a message from French leader Valery Giscard D'Estaing about the Middle East situation and Lebanon.

Famine may affect 4m Sudanese

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — An estimated four million people in Sudan's southern regions are threatened by famine this summer because supplies destined for them are being smuggled to be worth for exportation.

Efforts to get some \$30 million worth of food to the drought-stricken south are being hampered by transportation problems exacerbated by the export of grains to the capital for onward shipment to the oil-rich

Gulf. Late last year, the southern region administration forbade the export of grain from the mechanized farms in Renk, a southern district bordering the northern provinces.

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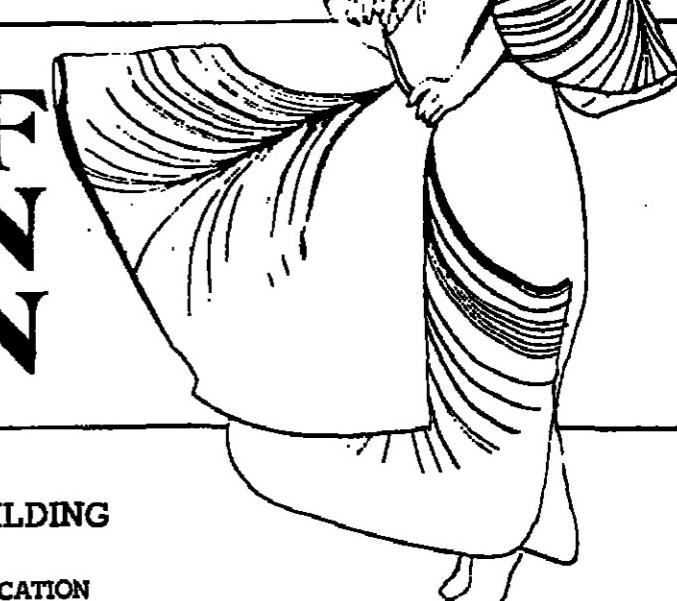
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FORD'S MISSION IN CHINA

Former U.S. President Ford was sent recently to China by President Reagan in a mission concerning the future of Formosa (Nationalist China). He was soon followed by Lord Carrington, the British foreign minister, on the parallel mission of discussing the future of the British colony of Hong Kong. Both visitors had the aim of working out the least troublesome arrangement with Peking over these two areas, given the changes in the international scene.

The Western envoys to Peking found their hosts in a quiet mood than usual, especially where it concerned the Soviet Union's stance on Poland. This development is in contrast to the strong attacks launched on the Soviets last summer, and might be explained by Moscow's careful tuning of its handling of the Polish crisis to the sensitivities of Washington, London and Peking. Alternatively, some think Peking's relative quiet the result of Washington's and London's strong attack on the Soviets. Peking, therefore, is quite happy to let the West get on with this, and is worried only when the Western allies appear quiescent.

Peking's stand on Nationalist China and Hong Kong takes into account what the Soviets will do after the Polish crisis blows away (or up) — and it is this that accounts for the apparent success of both the Carrington and Ford missions.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Sunday led with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's message to King Khalid which was conveyed to the monarch by visiting Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr. Saadoun Hamadi. *Al Riyad* gave lead prominence to the explosive situation prevailing in Beirut, while *Al Bida* said in a lead story, quoting Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, that the Islamic Goodwill Committee has made headway in its efforts to end the armed conflict between Iran and Iraq. *Al Madina* highlighted in its lead King Khaled's message to the Ruler of Qatar, dealing with the strengthening of bilateral relations and coordination in industrial fields. The message was delivered in Doha Saturday by Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, minister of industry and electricity.

Olaya frontpaged West German Finance Minister's call on his country to respond to Saudi Arabia's request for the supply of Leopard tanks. Newspapers gave frontpaged coverage to a meeting of the Central Hajj Committee which was held in Jeddah Saturday, under the chairmanship of Interior Minister Prince Naif, to discuss the possibility of reinforcing tents against fire during the Pilgrimage season this year.

Newspapers also gave page one play to a statement by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), who said after his return from Tehran and Baghdad that the Islamic Goodwill Committee has submitted its fresh proposals to the two countries which have

shown their desire for peace. In a page one story, *Al Jazirah* quoted Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan as saying he would discuss ways of developing cooperation with the French Defense Minister during the latter's visit to the Kingdom.

In an editorial, *Al Madina* focused light on the meeting of the Central Hajj Committee which was held in Jeddah to discuss protective measures for pilgrim tents during the Hajj season. The paper commended Prince Naif's persistent efforts to improve pilgrim services and said the state provides all resources and moral efforts to provide comfort to the pilgrims so they can perform their religious obligations in spiritual peace and tranquility.

Discussing the Iraq-Iran armed conflict, *Al Bida* noted that Iran's appreciation of the goodwill committee's peace-keeping role reflects its desire to reach a peaceful settlement. While Iran has shown a positive response to the goodwill committee's task, Baghdad also has not lagged behind in extending its cooperation to the committee, the paper said.

Al Jazirah dealt with the situation in Lebanon and said that secret Israeli and other forces have been projecting Saad Haddad and Beshtir Gemayel as the Trojan horses who have contributed to the worsening of the situation in the country. The paper regretted the absence of Arab unanimity which could not save Lebanon from the present conflagration. Ever since the civil war broke out in Lebanon, no Arab group has been able to extricate this country from its political mess and to put it on a solid

base of positive cooperation among the parties concerned, the paper said. The situation in Lebanon is a curse impeding every positive step in the Arab world, with the exception of the Gulf Cooperation Council which came into being with the spirit and determination of the people of the Gulf themselves, it added.

On the same subject, *Al Riyad* felt convinced that Lebanon would not know peace and stability unless Israel stops supporting its agents in Lebanon and elsewhere. As regards Israel, the paper said it might reap the desired harvest through the destruction of Lebanon but, in the long range, it will not be able to continue in its policy of terrorism for ever.

Also concerned with the Lebanese situation, *Al Nada* welcomed the Lebanese government's statement that it would take all measures to ensure the country's unity and security. But it wanted to know what method the government would adopt to tackle the deteriorating situation. Amid a number of problems which ought to be settled to reach the national objective, the paper said there are several factional leaderships now playing with the country's security.

In an editorial, *Olaya* laid stress on Arab and Islamic solidarity, which it said must be dynamic and powerful enough to provide protection to the sovereignty and independence of the Arab and Islamic world. The protective umbrella for the Arab and Islamic world can be found only in their unity and cooperation, it added.



THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES

Nuclear plant generates controversy in West Germany

By Bradley Graham

BONN — At a distant spot on the marshy meadows of the Elbe river in northern West Germany, set beside a lighthouse and grazing cows, are the beginnings of a 1.4 million kilowatt nuclear power plant that so far has generated nothing except controversy.

A specially dug moat, reinforced by a metal fence crowned with barbed wire, encircles the 75-acre area near the one-pub village of Brokdorf where Chancellor Helmut Schmidt — along with the pro-growth forces of West German business and industry — would like to see the \$1.25 billion project completed. But the moat and fence testify to the fierce tempers and violent protest that the atomic plant has drawn.

In the midst of a recession that can be traced in large part to the sharply higher price of oil imports, opposition to nuclear power here might have been expected to diminish. Yet in a decision that paled political embarrassment for Schmidt on top of deep frustration for Bonn's energy program, the Hamburg city senate has decided to postpone construction of the project for another three years.

While the Hamburg action may eventually be circumvented by alternative financial or political means, it represents a sharp rebuff to the Bonn government's hopes of reducing dependency on imported energy through the limited building of nuclear power plants. Moreover, it suggests that Bonn's energy policy — rather fuzzily articulated at the national level lately — may not be pushed through coherently at the local level. This has revived doubts about West Germany's ability to wean itself from oil.

The increased cost of oil has contributed to Bonn's external payments deficit which, in turn, has

weakened the deutschmark and prompted the central bank to keep interest rates relatively high to draw capital. But high interest rates have contributed to the slowing of an already weakened economy.

Despite the evident economic urgency of cutting oil imports, nuclear power continues to run into determined resistance from a politically sophisticated corps of environmental groups, bolstered by legions of farmers in the rural areas where a number of new atomic projects are to be located. Complicating the West German nuclear story is a complex licensing system involving a bureaucratic web of state and federal agencies whose rulings are challengeable in the courts.

West Germany has 14 nuclear power plants in operation, providing 3.6 per cent of the country's primary energy needs. Another 10 are awaiting a construction permit — some have been waiting more than five years. Aside from the billions of dollars already invested in the blocked plants, the West German nuclear industry is fearful of losing its international competitive edge — not least of all to the neighboring French, who have pursued an ambitious atomic development program with relatively little interference.

Many Germans feel future success in exports depends on mastery in such high-technology fields as nuclear energy. The chief responsibility for inaction on nuclear energy rests with the Bonn government's energy policy — rather fuzzily articulated at the national level lately — may not be pushed through coherently at the local level. This has revived doubts about West Germany's ability to wean itself from oil.

Faced by this show of rebel strength, the National Party leadership mustered a weak response.

It reiterated the party's energy policy that placed energy-saving measures and greater use of coal above the development of atomic energy.

The Christian Democrats, who rule in the state of

Schleswig-Holstein where the Brokdorf plant is to be built, have committed themselves to the project and may yet find a way of proceeding without Hamburg.

While seemingly paralyzed for the moment on the nuclear question, the Bonn government provides a stream of details on measures taken in recent years to curb oil consumption in other ways. West Germany is said to have been the first Western country to draft a coordinated energy program, in 1973. It was updated in 1977.

West Germany has adopted energy-saving incentives, boosted the use of coal — the country's major domestic energy source — in power stations and encouraged industry to produce fuel-saving vehicles. The percentage of West German energy consumption drawn from oil dropped from 55 per cent in 1973 to 48 per cent last year, although dependence on crude from the Middle East actually rose last year to 44 per cent from 41 per cent.

What troubles the Bonn leaders is knowing they will be judged not by what has been done, but by the size of the problem that remains. (WP)

Reagan's risky game in North Africa

By Shyam Bhata

CAIRO —

The Pentagon's decision to sell advanced M60 tanks to Morocco, despite Algerian opposition, is a demonstration of the careful diplomatic calculations that nowadays have to be made in supporting King Hassan, a long-time American ally in North Africa.

Negotiations to sell the tanks started late last year, but were briefly suspended to avoid annoying Algeria, which at the time was acting as a go-between in efforts to release the American hostages held in Iran. The 108 tanks will replace Morocco's obsolete Russian armour that has proved such an easy target for the hit-and-run tactics of Polisario men fighting for the independence of the mineral-rich Western Sahara, formerly a Spanish colony.

When Spain withdrew from the territory in 1976, it was ceded in two parts to Morocco and Mauritania. The Mauritanians withdrew their claim in 1979 after signing a peace treaty with the Polisario, who are supported with arms and cash by Algeria and Libya. Operating from bases inside Algeria, as well as from Western Sahara itself, the Polisario have scored successive victories against the Moroccan Army. However, despite major battlefield losses, Moroccan public opinion remains solidly in favour of retaining the entire Western Sahara.

In the past 12 months, King Hassan has asked the United States for tanks, armored cars and planes. Washington's decision to supply tanks is regarded as the minimum required to sustain Hassan in power and prevent him or his successors from turning to the Russians. A fuller response from Washington could have destroyed the improving U.S. relationship with Algeria. American diplomats say the "Sadditization" of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid started at least a year ago.

They note with satisfaction his pursuit of more liberal policies at home, which include opening up the economy for foreign private investments, as well as greater tolerance toward political dissidents. Abroad, he has been decidedly more friendly to the West. When the Al Asnam earthquake struck last year, relief aid from the United States and its allies was warmly welcomed by the Algerian government.

American diplomats are accordingly anxious that these improved relations should not suffer because of conflicting attitudes toward Morocco and the Polisario.

The ideal solution, in the view of some observers, would be for a territorial compromise over V'stern Sahara, with Morocco retaining control or, say, the northern half of the territory. The remaining half could then emerge as an independent republic.

Such a compromise would require flexibility on the part of the Moroccans, the Algerians and not least the Polisario fighters themselves. The flexibility could well begin with the Algerians, who favor an honorable end to the war so that they can get on with their economic development at home.

A satisfactory end to the Sahara war would also block the political ambitions of Libya's Col. Qaddafi who is trying to bring the Polisario under his exclusive protection. (ONS)

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4 day with the vice president

Bush injects new life into his job

By Ellen Hume

WASHINGTON, (LAT) — Vice President George Bush rises at 6 a.m. and, if he is lucky, he starts running on a treadmill that he has at his house. If he is unlucky, and does not have time for his daily run, the 57-year-old former Central Intelligence Agency director and Texas Congressman, heads straight for his White House office, for at least a 12-hour workday.

Bush's vice-presidency is hardly the "fertilized life" that Woodrow Wilson's Vice-president, Thomas R. Marshall, called it. Thanks, in part perhaps, to the independence enjoyed by his predecessor, Walter F. Mondale. And Bush, who is chronically enthusiastic about practically everything, could hardly disagree more with former Vice President John Nance Garner's assessment that the job isn't worth a pitcher of warm spit."

"It (the job) is notorious, but everybody wants it," Bush said in a recent *Los Angeles Times* interview at his spacious office, just steps away from the Oval Office and President Reagan. "You can speak up and say things, you're included in all aspects of the residency, you're there, you can help a little on time to time on things, and it's great," Bush said.

By all accounts, Bush has gotten off to a surprisingly good start with Reagan, whom Bush challenged in the primaries, and Reagan has been generous to him. Former Bush campaign manager James Baker, now the president's chief of staff and part of Reagan's inner circle, also helps look out for the interests of his old boss.

With few constitutional duties — presiding over the Senate, sitting on the National Security Council, and standing by in case something happens to the president — Bush has already developed a visible and substantive role in the White House.

Bush is coordinating an important part of Reagan's program, the task of reforming federal regulations. But he is well aware, as Mondale was before him, that vice presidents serve as the pleasure of presidents, and they should be neither seen nor heard publicly if it takes the spotlight off the president.

"I've got to shape the legislation that will be the president's legislation," Bush said. "But my theory of this is to give a lot of credit, spread it out, don't try to run it like an



charted," said Bush, who now enjoys Mondale's precedent-setting perquisites: A weekly lunch with the president, a permanent White House office, and access to all of the president's intelligence briefings materials.

Bush has even taken such access a step further, attending Reagan's national security briefings each morning instead of simply reading the briefing papers. Bush turns aside any suggestion that he may be thinking about a day when he might replace Reagan, who at 69, was the oldest man ever elected president.

"People say 'you're vice president. You're one heartbeat away. You think about that?'" the answer is no, and nobody believes it," Bush said. "If I do a good job, if I do what I set out to do, that's the way you perform in life and don't worry about those other things. Don't think about the future politically. That's the best way to do everything, it seems to me — just try to do what I'm doing now. And that means supporting the president, or if something happened to him, you do anything else (you have to)."

Bush does not seem to miss, as aides said Mondale did, the actual power to make policy decisions and implement them. "If you did nothing else but get the nuances of foreign policy, can you imagine anything more interesting?" said Bush, who once served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and as envoy to Peking.

"Reading the intelligence (reports), trying to figure out what this and that means, and then being able to do something about it by giving advice, or chairing a committee or taking an initiative — it's fanatic," he said. Although Bush expects to preside over the Senate only rarely, like other recent vice presidents, he has been visiting with the Senate's new Republican leadership about once a week.

"I go up there with (Senate top leader) Howard Baker, closer to every Tuesday, meet with the (committee) chairmen at his meeting, just sit there, and go to the policy luncheon and keep up with the legislation," Bush said. "They can tell me things they wouldn't want to tell some guy who's maybe lobbying (for the Reagan administration policies) on the Hill. So then I can go back and say to the president 'here's the way this thing is shaping up.'

Bush is reluctant to describe his private relationship with Reagan.

"You've got to feel your way along in a relationship," he said. "There are a few fundamental rules. You don't go out and try to show yourself forward a lot. You don't try to complicate the life of the president or exacerbate staff difficulties. You never surrender your inner self, but you don't go highlighting differences, saying 'I think you made a big mistake on this one, I really feel my wisdom is such that if I were doing it...' It's just a dumb thing to do. I'm not going to do it."

Bush acknowledges his debt to his Democratic predecessor, Mondale. "Mondale set a very good pattern — in fact, we're kind of followed along most of the waters he's

Wind and water carry away soil fertility

By Graham Stewart

CHICAGO, (R) — Erosion is stripping way fertile farmland at an alarming rate and threatening the future of the United States as food granary of the world. Concerned conservationists estimate that at least five billion tons of precious topsoil are being carried off by wind and water every year.

"Ten years from now, Americans could be just as worried over the loss of prime farmlands as they are today over the shortages of oil and gasoline," according to one conservationist. In addition to erosion losses, 1.2 million hectares of farmland are gobbled up every year by urban sprawl as cities and towns spread and the U.S. population, now more than 225 million, continues to rise.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block calls it "a crisis in the making" and is urging Americans to avert a return to the "dust bowl" days of the early 1930s. "Failure to control soil erosion on American farms and ranches could double the cost of producing food over the next 50 years," says Anson Bertrand, director of science and education in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Department experts say the growing need for food crops to meet increasing domestic and export demands could result in a major shift in American agriculture by the turn of the century. Given the continuing loss of cropland to erosion and urban development, they think more of the grasslands now used for raising cattle will have to go under the plough to feed a hungry world.

"There's no other way we can meet an

anticipated 65 to 80 per cent increase in demand for U.S. agricultural products in the next 20 years," says one government official.

A recent USDA report warns that yields of maize and soybeans in the rich midwest farm states could drop as much as 30 per cent in the next-half-century unless erosion is checked.

Maize and soybeans are the two chief feed ingredients to produce meat, dairyfoods and poultry. They, along with wheat, are also the most important U.S. grain exports. The three crops account for about 60 per cent of total U.S. agricultural exports. In 1979 soybean exports earned \$7.5 billion, maize \$6.7 billion, and wheat \$4.8 billion.

Countries which depend heavily on American grains include the Soviet Union, China, Japan, the Netherlands, West Germany, Italy, Egypt, Taiwan, South Korea and Mexico.

Conservationists partly blame the export boom in crops for the erosion problem. As export prices soared in the 1970s, the government stopped paying farmers to keep land idle as a way of preventing grain surpluses and disrupting markets.

Farmers increased acreage and often raised two crops a year instead of one. Land never before tilled was hastily planted and soil conservation techniques largely ignored. Now economists and agronomists worry that some farmers may have mortgaged their future for the sake of quick profits.

Dr. Min Amemiya, an Iowa agronomist, says technological progress has masked the adverse effects of erosion because improved fertilisers and seed strains boosted yields. "The farmers see they are getting bigger and

better crops and wonder what we are making a fuss about," he laments.

"It's hard to get them to look 20 years down the road and take steps now to make sure they will still have land to farm." The last national survey in 1977 estimated nearly 60 per cent of America's 165 million hectares of cropland and 75 per cent of the 216 million hectares of grazing rangeland needed conservation measures.

The heaviest losses were from erosion caused by water runoff from rains and melting snows. These were put at 2.5 billion tons of topsoil per year. Wind erosion was estimated at about a billion tons a year.

The survey showed that much prime cropland was affected, notably the rich farm states of Iowa and Illinois, which between them produce more than one third of America's corn and soybeans. The soil conservation service, which conducted the survey, sets the tolerable erosion limit at five tons per .40 hectare per year — equal to a thin layer of topsoil.

In Illinois, the erosion rate was 9.7 tons, and in Illinois, the erosion rate was estimated at 6.7 tons. In the fertile palouse basin covering parts of Washington state, Oregon and Idaho, erosion averaged a frightening 50 to 100 tons an acre and was as high as 150 tons in some places.

Along the Mississippi, some 40 tons per acre of precious soil in Western Tennessee were wasted into the river and eventually down into the Gulf of Mexico. Wind erosion has been especially severe the last few months in the northern prairie states, because of a dry winter.

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WEDDING PRESENT: Set in a stark winter landscape, Delmadamph Lodge, the house which the Queen is reportedly thinking of giving to Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer as a wedding present. The house has been empty for some time now and would require extensive renovation.

American teenagers gamble with their lives

By George Frank

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — The red and white Cessna 182 taxied to the main runway at the El Dorado, Ark., airport, revved its engines and began picking up speed for takeoff. The plane was headed for Little Rock. Before it got 30 feet off the ground, the aircraft dipped back to earth, shearing off the nose gear. As the plane skidded down the runway, sparks ignited leading fuel and the Cessna burst into flames.

The plane's three occupants ran from the burning wreckage. James Ward, 18, later told police that the ill-fated takeoff in August 1979 was his first attempt at flying. He said that neither of his passengers — one 15 and one 18 — had ever flown a plane. A bizarre case last month near San Diego involving a 15-year-old youngster, his stepfather, his mother, and two neighbors still has federal authorities shaking their heads. The teenager, who had never flown before, crashed a twin-engine Piper on takeoff, killing all five people aboard.

During 1978 and 1979 — the most recent years for which statistics are available — federal authorities said that nearly 40 people died in plane crashes involving pilots who were flying for the first time or without valid pilot's licenses or proper training. The FAA requires a minimum of 40 hours flying time before a person can be issued a private pilot's certificate, which permits him to take passengers along on non-commercial flights.

FAA officials say it usually takes 12 to 15 hours of instruction before a person is ready to make a solo flight. It is not always children who try to fly without experience, according to records at the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration. Many cases involve adults who take too literally the notion that "if you can drive a car, you can fly a plane."

Others stem from former pilots who, after years away from flying, decide to take a plane up without refreshing their skills. The problem appears to be growing. In Phoenix, Jimmy Trout, 26, climbed into a Cessna 140 one night in 1978. After a shaky takeoff that nearly ended in a crash, the aircraft was spotted buzzing a power plant.

At 11 p.m., nearly an hour after the flight began, the plane was seen flying low over a house in Buckeye, Ariz., 23 miles west of Phoenix. Witnesses told federal investigators that the pilot had made several passes over the home, gunning the engine and yelling incomprehensibly from an open cockpit window.

Then the plane stalled and fell to earth,

killing Trout. Authorities said there were no records to indicate that Trout had ever flown before. Those are only a few examples among hundreds filed away in government computers of would-be pilots who attempted to fly without formal instruction or uncertified pilots who flew aircraft they were not familiar with.

The more fortunate manage to get the planes in the air and back to earth safely. Such was the case last November in Dallas, when three teenagers took a twin-engine Piper Seneca at Love Field. Air traffic controller Don Elser, who cleared the Piper to taxi for takeoff, said he realized that something was wrong minutes after the plane left the runway. It never gained proper altitude and it took a couple of wrong turns once it was airborne.

But Elser said he had no way of knowing that the high-performance aircraft was being piloted by a 15-year-old who was flying for the first time. He had taken two of his friends along for the ride. "He sounded like a professional," Elser said. "Actually, the youngster had good technique on the radio, a lot better than many of the certified pilots we deal with. He never sounded a bit excited."

During the brief flight, authorities said, the plane came close to a commercial jetliner, flew so low that it almost hit the tops of office buildings, and after one abortive attempt to land, flew between hangars at Love Field. Elser virtually talked the youngsters and the twin-engine plane down for a landing. It took three tries. On the last pass, the air traffic controller told the would-be pilot to cut the power — the plane bounced on the runway several times and finally came to rest.

"He did not even know how to turn the plane when it was on the ground," Elser said. "Eventually, I told him to shut down the engines and airport security was dispatched to retrieve the plane." The youngster told police that they had taken an aviation course at their high school. Authorities said that the 15-year-old at the controls had previously flown with his father, a corporate pilot.

The amateur pilots in Dallas were among the lucky ones.

Accidents involving first-time pilots or those flying without licenses killed 58 people in 1978 and 1979, according to the National Transportation Safety Board. Nineteen others were seriously injured. There were 80 accidents nationwide involving inexperienced or uncertified pilots during the two years.

In addition to the NTSB data, the FAA said it had taken action against 350 persons

who were flying without licenses or proper training between 1975 and 1979. Those incidents did not result in accidents. FAA statistics showed a dramatic increase last year in the number of aviation crashes involving uncertified pilots.

Although its accident data is not as complete as the NTSB's, the FAA listed 13 such crashes in 1979, said Ernest Outelete, an official at the FAA's computer center in Oklahoma City. In 1980, he said, the agency listed 25 accidents involving unlicensed pilots.

"That is a sudden increase," he said. "I can't give you an answer as to why this is happening." FAA and NTSB officials agreed that inexperienced people attempting to fly in today's crowded skies pose a problem, but they add that it appears to be minimal when compared to 4,000 general aviation accidents each year that kill more than 1,000 people.

"The first thing we should do is take everyone in the United States and put them at the controls with an experienced pilot," said Charles Spence, vice president of the 25,000-member Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

"If they did that for 10 minutes they would not go up by themselves until they had proper training," Spence said. He laid some of the blame on aircraft salesmen who give the old pitch, "if you can drive a car, you can fly a plane."

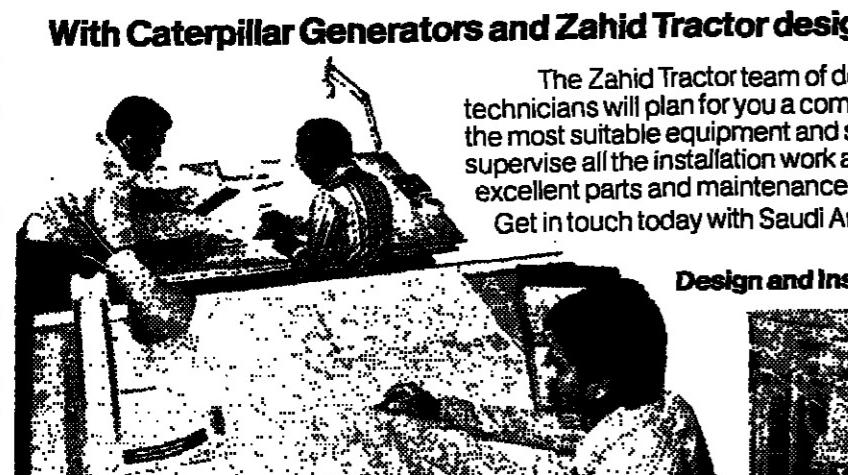
For the most part, Spence said, the idea is not that far-fetched. He said that if one had the "motor skills" to drive a car, most likely they would have the ability to fly an airplane. "But when you oversimplify it, some people get the idea that flying isn't that difficult," he said. "Would-be pilots begin thinking they can do it because they once were allowed to take the controls of a plane or they read 'Tailspin Tommy' when they were young or watched 'Sky King' on television."

A little experience can also prove very dangerous. That was the case in Fort Pierce, Fla., when a man with an expired student pilot's certificate talked his friend into going flying with him. After taking off in a Piper they made several low passes over the pilot's nearby home. On the third pass, the plane entered a steep dive and one wing smashed into a palm tree, killing both the pilot and passenger.

With a total of one hour's training, a 36-year-old pilot in Fort Scott, Kan., took off in a Cessna 172 with two passengers. On the initial climb, the plane stalled and went into a tailspin. The pilot was killed and the two passengers were seriously injured.

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In plebiscite

Marcos predicts landslide 4-1 vote

MANILA, April 5 (Agencies) President Ferdinand Marcos has predicted a landslide 4-to-1 vote for proposed constitutional amendments that could mean his re-election as a powerful president for at least another six years. Marcos, in power since 1966, made the prediction Saturday in an interview with local reporters during a campaign tour of Cebu, the biggest Philippine city outside Manila. the



Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos
government radio reported.

Accompanied by his equally powerful wife Imelda, Marcos flew to Cebu in the central Philippines to campaign for "yes" votes in the April 7 plebiscite. Marcos called the plebiscite to ratify a package of amendments that would pave the way for the Philippines' first presidential election in 12 years.

The amendments call for a popularly elected president who will have the power to choose the prime minister in a parliamentary system and who will be immune from lawsuits for "official acts" even beyond his term. The presidential tenure is set at six years with no limit on the number of times he can be re-elected.

Marcos told a Cebu political rally he will immediately convene the interim parliament to session in order to set the election for June 7 if the "yes" votes win. Marcos told reporters a government random survey forecast a 4-to-1 nationwide "yes" vote, according to the government radio.

However the six major parties in the Unified Democratic Opposition (UNIDO), which claim massive support will be the result of a rigged vote, "Honest and clean" counting would give them the edge, they maintain. The UNIDO has planned a mass "noise barrage" Monday night throughout metropolitan Manila to show the extent of opposition

to the president's plans. A similar protest three years ago brought tens of thousands on to the streets.

But while campaigning for rejection of the amendments, the UNIDO may not go so far as to ignore the result by not fielding a candidate against Marcos on June 7. However the most prominent opposition figure, Ex-Sen. Benigno Aquino, is disqualified by his age, two years under the required minimum of 50. Tuesday's referendum is the country's first voting exercise since Marcos lifted martial law on Jan. 17 while angering the opposition by retaining overwhelming personal power.

Bangladesh to settle water issue with India

DACCA, April 5 (AFP) — Bangladesh and India have decided to settle their dispute over sharing the waters of the Ganges River on a long-term basis through a dialogue at the "high political level," according to an agreement signed here. The agreement, signed at the end of a three-day review meeting between Bangladesh Irrigation Minister Kazi and his visiting Indian counterpart Rao Birendra Singh, said settlement would be only through a meeting at the "high political level".

The Ganges dispute had become a bone of contention between the two neighbors since 1974 when India commissioned a bridge across the river in its West Bengal state which controls water flow of the Ganges toward Bangladesh. Singh, who led a 14-man delegation at the talks, left for New Delhi Saturday.

Munich protesters clash with police

MUNICH, April 5 (AP) — Fourteen persons have been arrested and several police officers slightly injured in clashes here following a demonstration of some 2,000 persons supporting housing occupations, police reported.

The demonstration began peacefully Saturday afternoon, authorities reported, but some participants became more violent after police asked to see identity papers, officials said. Several persons were arrested after they attacked observers with beer bottles, police reported.

The demonstration was held to support the movement in several large West German cities where abandoned buildings have been taken over by squatters to protest serious housing shortages.



COMFORTING MOTHER: Mrs. Eddie Duncan is being comforted as she attends Saturday the funeral services for her son whose body was found in a river Friday. Sitting with her are her husband and two of their children. Duncan Jr., 21, was the first adult victim to be placed on the list of murdered blacks in Atlanta. (Wirephoto)

Searchers spread out

Atlanta mourns two more slaying victims

earlier in the day for Eddie Duncan, a 21-year-old retarded black man whose body was found in the same river last week. "How long will the families of Atlanta be able to take it?"

Snuff increases cancer risk, U.S. study finds

BOSTON, April 5 (AP) — The growing habit of dipping snuff, encouraged by some as an alternative to smoking cigarettes, quadruples the risk of mouth cancer, a U.S. government study shows. Dipping snuff is the practice of putting it inside the mouth, under the lip or between the cheek and gum. Long-time users are nearly 50 times more likely than non-users to get some form of oral cancer, the study found.

The oral snuff, also known as smokeless tobacco, is milder than the traditional snuff that is inhaled through the nose. Although snuff has long been suspected as a cause of cancer, the researchers say their study is the first to show a definite link. The study was directed by Dr. Deborah M. Winn of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

Total production of smokeless tobacco rose from 98 million pounds in 1971 to 134 million pounds in 1980, and production of the finely cut variety used for snuff tripled during this period.

How long will I, as mayor, be able to take it? How long will the police, working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, be able to take it? The answer is: As long as we have to ... we have no choice but to endure, to be tougher than those who would attack us," he said.

Duncan is the only on the list of a special police task force investigating the disappearance of two black youngsters. A light-colored coffin covered with red, white and pink flowers held Duncan's body as his sobbing mother, Betty, was helped into Thornton mortuary. He was buried on the hillside of a southwest Atlanta cemetery.

Meanwhile, some 125 searchers spread out across 324 sq km area that encompassed stretches of the river where the two bodies were found. The area south of Atlanta included developed roads as well as dense, wooded areas laced with small creeks flowing into the Chattahoochee River. Searchers had lists of the clothes Duncan and Hill were wearing when they were last seen in March, as well as the clothes that one of the missing youths, 16-year-old Joseph Bell, was wearing when he was last seen March 2. Hill and Duncan, like at least two other victims, were clad only in undershorts when their bodies were found.

Medical examiners said Hill, like most of the other victims, was asphyxiated before his body was dumped into the river. No cause of death has been established for Duncan, but authorities classified his death as a homicide because of similarities with some of the child slayings.

India imports modern arms

NEW DELHI, April 5 (AP) — India's army, air force and navy are being modernized to cope with the changing strategic environment of the region, according to the 1980-81 annual report of the Indian Defense Ministry. Expressing concern over "developments in Afghanistan," big power rivalry in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf, the government said "these developments demand greater vigilance on India's part to safeguard its security against any threats."

The report, presented to India's parliament, said "the main accent of the (current five-year) defense plan is on modernization and replacement of equipment, on securing greater fire power mobility and modern means of communication." The Indian army is being "re-equipped with modern weapons and equipment ... in the more sophisticated fields, weapons and equipment are being imported from abroad," the ministry said.

In 1980-81, the Indian navy acquired six new warships, including the Soviet-built Rajput, the country's first modern frigate, and a squadron of seaward defense boats, the report said.

Texas convict kills 2

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, April 5 (R) — A convict drowned the new warden of the toughest jail in Texas and shot dead a guard before he was captured, officials said. The warden, Wallace Pack, 54, had been in charge of the Huntsville maximum security prison and its 3,000 inmates for only 20 days.

A prison official said the convict, whose name was withheld, took a pistol from Pack's car Saturday and shot the guard in the head on being questioned at the prison farm about smoking marijuana. He then drowned the warden in a ditch containing about two or three feet of water before he was seized by guards, the official added.

Nepal elections set

KATHMANDU, Nepal, April 5 (AP) — Nepal's general elections, second in the history of the country, are scheduled for May 9 to elect 112 members of the national assembly, the election commission has announced. Voting will start throughout the Himalayan kingdom at 8 a.m. and "all who have entered the polling booths by 5 p.m. (the same day) will be allowed to vote," the commission said. About 8 million men and women are eligible to vote for representatives to the 140-member, single chamber legislature. Twenty-eight of the members are to be named by King Birendra.

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Brigade leaders arrested in Milan

MILAN, April 5 (Agencies) — Italy's most noted urban guerrilla, who has been accused of masterminding the Red Brigades' kidnapping and murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro, has been arrested here. Gianni Moretti, 35, was captured in a car just outside the city by police after secret investigations that were closely followed by Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni, ministers said.

Police said Saturday Moretti, who was seen carrying false identity documents, did not resist arrest but proclaimed himself a political prisoner. Three people traveling with him were also arrested. Enrico Fenzi, thought to be one of the top Red Brigade leaders, was among those arrested, Milan police confirmed Sunday. The two others have not been identified.

Fenzi is suspected of being involved in the kidnapping last December of Judge Giovanni Tronzo, along with his brother-in-law, Vittorio Sestanzi and Moretti. Fenzi, a professor at Genoa University, is considered one of the brigades' intellectuals. He was arrested for alleged membership of an armed group but was acquitted and released for lack of evidence in a controversial case.

Moretti, a radio technician from Ancona on the Adriatic coast, is wanted for the kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, who was abducted in Rome in March 1978 and found dead 54 days later with 11 bullet wounds in his chest.

A leading repentant Red Brigade member, whose confessions have led to the capture of several suspected guerrillas, described Moretti as the organizer of the kidnapping, police said. Patrizio Peci called him "the brains at the highest level."

Since magistrates issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with the kidnapping in September 1978, Moretti's photograph has been circulated throughout the country and Interpol. Moretti began his political activities in 1969 when he organized workers' demonstrations at factories in Milan.

Soon afterwards he disappeared from the public eye and is alleged to have helped to form the first Red Brigades units in northern Italy before switching his activities to Rome. This is surely the best day I've had since becoming interior minister," Rognoni said at an impromptu press meeting soon after the arrest. "One of the highest-ranking members of the Red Brigades has been caught."

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WOUNDED IN ATTACK: Three of the four men injured during a shooting attack on President Ronald Reagan outside a Washington hotel Monday. From left are James Brady, Reagan's press secretary, Thomas K. Delahanty, a District of Columbia policeman, and Timothy J. McCarthy, a secret service agent assigned to the Presidential Protective Service.

Move to topple Obote Ugandan group admits bombing

NAIROBI, April 5 (AP) — A Ugandan group has claimed responsibility for the bombing and burning of two stores frequented by army and government officials and the warehouse for Uganda's coffee crop.

In a Uganda Radio broadcast monitored in Nairobi, Vice President Paulo Mwanga condemned the Friday night bombings and called them "cowardly acts."

The bombings were the latest in a series of attacks by groups trying to topple the three-month-old government of President Milton Obote. The groups claim Obote was elected fraudulently last December.

The recently organized Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) said it shelled the Uganda Coffee Marketing Board warehouse at Bugolobi, about two miles east of Kampala, because much of the coffee crop is going to Tanzania to pay "reparations of war."

The UFM said the warehouse was still burning Saturday night but had no estimate of the amount of coffee destroyed.

Some 50,000 Tanzanian soldiers helped oust President Idi Amin two years ago and 10,000 are still in Uganda as the most reliable security force in the country. The Tanzanians supported Obote's return to power and the groups want them to go home.

Coffee is Uganda's number one export and almost its sole source of foreign exchange. In a statement made available here, the UFM said "much of the foreign exchange earned from this coffee is used to purchase arms which in turn are used against coffee growers themselves."

The group said it also bombed a general merchandise store in Kampala owned by Lt. Col. Basil Okello the commander of the 15th battalion which is in charge of the capital, and a wine and spirits shop owned by an unidentified Asian.

The UFM said Okello's store has an account of 200 million Uganda shillings (about \$25 million) in a bank. It also claimed both store cater to army personnel and ministers. "Ordinary Ugandans don't have money to buy from these two shops which waste foreign exchange," the statement said.

The UFM claimed that it also kidnapped 15 soldiers Thursday from another store in the Nakasero section of Kampala which is owned by Okello. "They have been released after we took their guns," the statement said.

Pope attacks abortion protagonists

VATICAN CITY, April 5 (AP) — Pope John Paul II on Sunday condemned abortion and denied that it is a private matter for each individual woman.

A large springtime crowd of 100,000 tourists heard him speak from the window of his private study. He said "Those who think and affirm that this is a private problem — and who say that we need to defend the strictly personal right to make such a decision — do not think or say the whole truth. The problem of responsibility for life conceived in the womb of every mother is a problem that is eminently social and simultaneously a problem of each person and of everybody."

Italians will vote on May 17 on two oppo-

sition national referendums on abortion. One, proposed by the Movement for Life, would outlaw abortion except when the physical health of the mother is endangered. The other, proposed by the left-wing Radical Party, would expand the present abortion law to allow abortions outside state clinics and permit girls under 18 to have abortions without their parents' consent.

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mands the Movement for the Struggle for Political Rights which reportedly controls areas in western Uganda.

Soldiers of former President Idi Amin, invaded northwestern Uganda from Zaire and Sudan late last year, and still control a large section.

Vice President Mwanga said Saturday that Amin's soldiers were operating about 50 miles east of Kampala in Bugenye county and appealed to local residents to assist in bringing the area under government control. It was the first indication of resistance activity in that area.

In Saturday night's broadcast, Vice President Mwanga said some of the group members responsible for last week's attack on power lines had been arrested and would soon appear in court. He did not elaborate.

Besides the UFM, which is active in Kampala, Obote contends with several other groups seeking his overthrow. Former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni com-

Algerian president leaves for Seychelles

ANTANANARIVO, April 5 (AFP) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid left Madagascar Sunday for the Seychelles, the seventh leg of an 11-nation tour of Africa and the Indian Ocean. The president, who arrived here Friday, had two rounds of talks with President Didier Ratsiraka, during which he stressed that African people could only ensure their independence through nonalignment.

"Africans see their continent being transformed into a trump card which is being fought over in the policies of the great powers," he said.

Carrington arrives in Tokyo for talks

TOKYO, April 5 (AFP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington arrived on Tokyo Sunday for talks with his Japanese counterpart, Masayoshi Ito. The two foreign ministers are expected to discuss bilateral trade, the situation in Poland and the policies of the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Carrington and Ito have already met separately with Reagan in Washington. Carrington is visiting Tokyo on the third leg of his current Asian tour which earlier took him to China and Pakistan.

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Italy Communist Party opposes U.S. missiles

VITTORIA, Sicily, April 5 (Agencies) — Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer has signaled the start of a grassroots campaign to block installations of U.S. Cruise and Pershing missiles throughout Italy — a move apparently aimed at changing the pro-American tilt of the Italian government.

Berlinguer chose this city Friday to launch his drive because, he said, one of the 102 missile emplacements is scheduled for construction in nearby Comiso, on the site of a cattle raising facility.

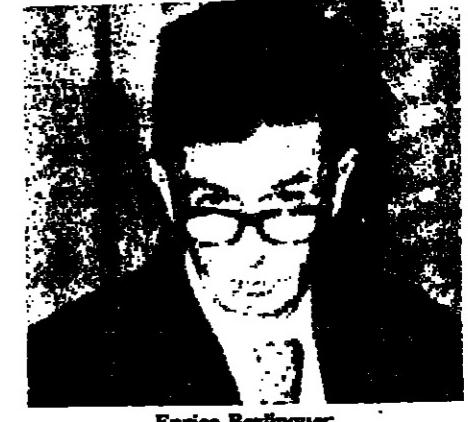
"We express a negative judgment on the terrible destructive power of these missiles," he told thousands of flag-waving Communists in this town of 45,000. Italy is one of the keys for the U.S. defense effort in Europe since only West Germany with 204 and Britain with 106 will have more Euromissiles on their territories.

In addition, Italy hosts vast military facilities such as the U.S. 6th fleet and the NATO southern command. Until now, thanks to the silence of the independent-minded Communists, the ruling center-left government of Christian Democrat Premier Arnaldo Forlani has accepted bearing a share of the alliance burden without flinching and recently slapped an 8 per cent increase on defense spending.

There have been none of the massive demonstrations which have caused the Belgian and Dutch governments to reconsider deployment of the theater nuclear forces on their territories or the Bonn government to hesitate before installations.

Berlinguer's new strident anti-military tone came less than a week before visits here of U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. A full-scale NATO ministerial meeting is planned in Rome next month.

Communist Party officials said the campaign will heat up further as the June 21



Enrico Berlinguer
Italian regional election draws nearer and as the Marxist Party tries to bring down the coalition government.

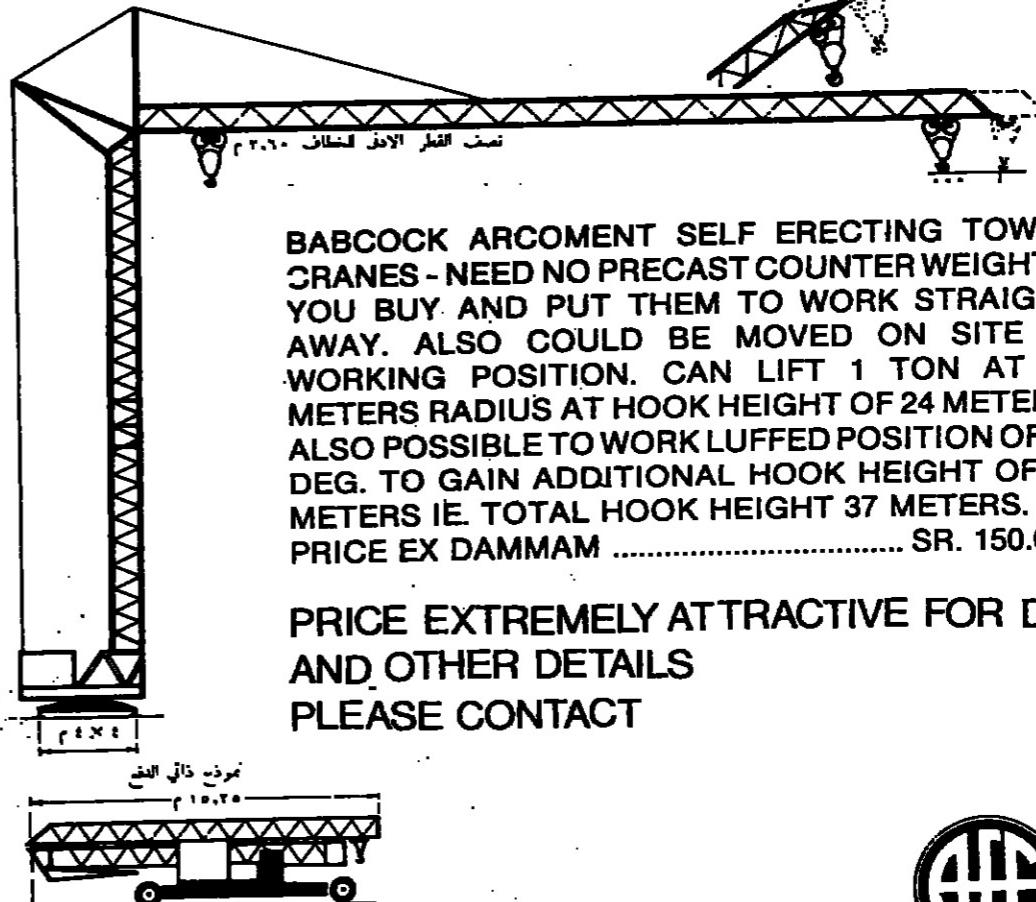
Vittoria slopes gently toward the Gulf of Gela, a long shallow bay whose beaches provided the main landing place for the American assault forces in July, 1943, on the southeasternmost tip of Sicily. The land, watered by several rivers, is intensely cultivated with Olives, oranges and vineyards.

U.S. diplomats make no secret that a change of heart of the Italian government on the Euromissile deployment in 1983 would deal a near fatal blow to the program said to be tailored to counter the current emplacement of the Soviet SS-20 missiles in the Warsaw Pact countries.

They fear the return of the riot-punctuated 1960s when left-wing mobs shouted "Italy out of NATO, and NATO out of Italy" while attempting to sack some of the bases.

In Bonn, about 15,000 persons demonstrated Saturday against NATO plans to deploy new nuclear missiles in Europe and Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff said continued Soviet superiority in this area threatened the West.

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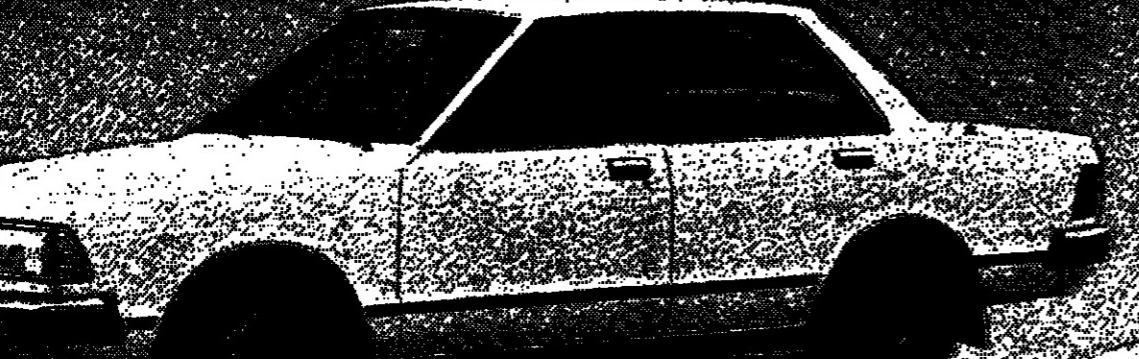
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To bolster economy

Jakarta favors hike in price of OPEC

ABU DHABI, April 5 (AP) — Indonesian oil minister Subroto was quoted Saturday as saying that his country will support "any hike" in oil prices by the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"Indonesia can use every cent it can get to finance its economic development programs," the official news agency of the United Arab Emirates, WAM, quoted Subroto as saying.

Winding up a visit here and a tour of Gulf countries, Subroto also told the agency his country was in favor of a "through revision" of the oil pricing system employed by OPEC.

"Things have changed drastically since the 1979 OPEC report on pricing," said Subroto. "Today, we have new factors influencing prices. These include the Iraq-Iran war, economic recession in some industrialized countries, and the fact that some oil importers have been stockpiling strategic reserves of crude oil."

(Dr. Subroto, current president of OPEC) said oil exporting countries are unlikely to agree on a long-term pricing strategy at their next meeting in Geneva on May 25. He said most of the OPEC countries he has visited recently want changes to the formula backed by Saudi Arabia, which would link oil price

rises to the West's inflation and economic growth.

He said agreement on the formula "might be difficult at present at least," adding that new factors had changed the world oil market since the strategy was first debated in 1979. These included the Iran-Iraq war which has cut supplies from two major producers, recession in the West reducing demand for oil and renewed stockpiling by consumer nations, he said.

Subroto did not say what changes countries wanted in the strategy as a result. The formula would try to match oil supply with demand while prices would rise slightly every three months, indexed to the West's inflation and economic growth. Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani has said it will end the present cycle of oil gluts alternating with shortages and uncontrolled price spirals.

When OPEC ministers discussed the formula last September, Algeria, Libya and Iran felt it should provide for faster increases than the annual two to three per cent in real terms then envisaged.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah has said he hopes parts of the strategy could be approved at Geneva.

But Subroto said he thought Sheikh Ali meant the first two parts of the strategy which deal with relations between OPEC states and industrialized and developing nations and not with prices.

The 1979 report by a special OPEC committee had tried to devise a pricing system linked to development and inflation rates in the industrialized countries, conditions of supply and demand in world markets, and the fluctuations in the purchasing value of the U.S. dollar. Oil sales and prices are quoted in dollars.

His allusion to Iraq and Iran apparently meant the shortfall caused in world markets by the absence of about four million barrels of crude oil, the two countries volume of export before they went to war last September.

He also probably meant that the two countries were resuming oil exports on limited scales and might soon pump millions more barrels into world markets, thus aggravating an already upsetting glut of 3.5 billion barrels, according to U.A.E. Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba. Subroto visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar before coming to the U.A.E.

Subroto told the agency his country "has no difficulty" selling its oil to the United States, Japan and others, despite a surcharge of less than three dollars a barrel recently imposed by Jakarta.

The question of surcharges, often called "access premium," has been causing trouble for other oil exporters, such as Kuwait. Japanese customers were reported to be resisting the Kuwaiti premium, originally \$5.5 a barrel, but later reduced to \$4 and now standing at \$3.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	173.00	142.70	—
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35	—
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To aid producers

Coffee export quotas raised

LONDON, April 5 (AP) — The council of the International Coffee Organization has ended its five-day spring session. It decided to allow a number of producers to sell more coffee to help them out of their domestic difficulties.

Last fall, to avoid falling world coffee prices from slumping any further, the council decided to introduce export quotas, a market-sharing mechanism limiting the exports of each producing country.

Many smaller coffee-producing nations found that the system was hitting hardest at a time when their crops were available for export and warehousing of stocks extremely expensive. Most of them are Third World countries relying on revenue from coffee exports. Among the 71-nation council's decisions:

Liberia was granted an additional 40,000 bags in the 1980-81 crop year ending September 30, thus bringing its annual export quota to 120,000 bags. A bag holds 132.2 pounds or 60 kilos in green coffee beans. Rwanda was granted an additional 120,000 bags, bringing its annual quota to 360,000 bags. These additional entitlements will be shipped in the second half of the current crop year. All the coffees involved are of the robusta type.

The council approved an application by Sri Lanka to become the organization's 71st member. Sri Lanka was granted annual export quota of 45,000 bags.

ICO Executive Director Alexandre Fontaine Beltrao of Brazil talked to reporters after the meeting. "This council meeting marks the end of a transition period following the introduction of export quotas last

October," he said, going on to explain why the council had decided to grant additional relief to some of the producers.

He said they had pleaded extreme internal hardships such as the need to earn more dollar revenue from coffee to buy food and difficulties in shipping their exports to ports in the first half of the crop year because of adverse weather conditions.

Meanwhile in Washington, the U.S. agriculture department said world coffee production in 1980-81 is expected to be about 80.7 million bags, 500,000 bags more than forecast three months ago.

Ethiopia seeks urgent food aid

ADDIS ABABA, April 5, (R) — Ethiopia has appealed for urgent international food aid for relief for 3.9 million of its people said to be near starvation due to drought and the effects of war.

Ethiopia's commissioner for aid and relief, Shimelis Adouga, told Saturday a meeting here of representatives of donor countries that 5.6 million people in 12 of the country's 14 regions had been affected by natural and man-made disasters and of these 3.9 million are in urgent need of relief and rehabilitation assistance.

A joint Ethiopian/United Nations study presented to the meeting said the food supply in drought-affected areas "now stands at substantially below the standard famine ration of 400 grams."

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Kuwait chides buyers for oil price haggling

UWAIFT, April 5 (AP) — Kuwait chided contract customers Sunday for "haggling" at prices, insisting that no foreign quarter influence the government here to change crude oil production policy.

"As oil prices are decided by OPEC, the relationship between oil exporters and importers is strictly commercial in nature," said of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdellah Hussein told reporters. "We are not prepared to surrender to the policies of foreign companies."

Hussein was commenting on reports that Kuwait's key customers were turning down a small surcharge of \$3 per barrel and were trying to renew their contracts with Kuwait. Hussein avoided a question about an agreed deadlock in negotiations between Kuwait and key customers over fresh terms of contract renewal.

EC debates interest rates

REDA, The Netherlands, April 5 (AFP) — Finance ministers of the European Economic Community have begun preparations for talks with the United States on ways of reducing interest rates that have soared on both sides of the Atlantic.

French Minister Alfonso Van Der Stee said informal meeting here of EEC financial ministers had decided that the monetary committee and the committee of governors from European central banks would do the preparatory work on the talks.

Van Der Stee said the finance ministers and central bank governors gathered here.

OAPEC to hold energy seminar

UWAIFT, April 5 (AP) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) and the Italian state oil company will sponsor an energy and industry seminar in Rome on April 17, OAPEC has announced.

Said Saturday six Arab oil ministers and energy and industry ministers from eight European countries will participate. Seminar will be the first meeting ever between these ministers and southern European states with a common interest in discussing ways of developing economic and scientific cooperation, the OAPEC said.

In the Arab side the oil ministers of Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Algeria, Syria and

"The companies have resorted to haggling," said Hussein. "Kuwait's oil policy is fair and carefully calculated."

Reports originating in London had claimed that Kuwait was running into trouble selling its 1.5 million barrels a day of crude oil because of the surcharge factor. This was dismissed as "baseless" by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah Saturday, when he insisted that "we are in complete control of the oil markets."

In another development, the cost of living in Kuwait rose an average of 7.6 per cent during the first ten months of 1980, compared to the same period in 1979, the Bahrain weekly publication *Al Adwas* said. Quoting Kuwait's central bank, it said the highest rises were in medical services (13.6 per cent) teaching (11.1 per cent), and food (8.2 per cent).

Reagan aide sees fall in economy

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AFP) — The U.S. economy is expected to have a "moderate decline in real economic growth" this year, White House economic aide Murray Weidenbaum said in an interview.

"The fourth quarter is the soonest that I expect to see real strength in the economy," Weidenbaum, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, told the news magazine *U.S. News and World Report*, due out tomorrow. "The odds for a downturn are increasing," he said, but he added that growth might increase by one per cent this year if President Ronald Reagan's economic plans are quickly applied.

Unemployment, which now affects 7.3 per cent of the U.S. work force, is to continue rising slightly to eight per cent, Weidenbaum predicted. The consumer price increase is to be 11 per cent for the whole year. Weidenbaum also said the unemployment rate is expected to drop below seven per cent before the end of 1982. Expressing encouragement about recent slower growth in the money supply, he said that inflation might drop below seven per cent in 1982.

Swiss move to better status of aliens fails

BERN, April 5 (AP) — Swiss voters decisively rejected a proposal to improve the status of foreigners, particularly seasonal workers, early result from the weekend referendum indicated. The proposal, favored by religious, left-wing and some trade unionists, was voted down 233,685 to 42,510 in ten of the 26 cantons and semi-cantons.

The proposal called for the elimination of the status of seasonal workers — about 110,000 last year — within five years and for new legislation to allow foreigners in general easier access into Swiss society.

Under the current rules, seasonal workers — mainly Italians and Spaniards — are granted permits for only nine months out of the year and may not bring their families into Switzerland. Most of them work in agriculture, construction and the hotel and restaurant business. There are 890,000 foreigners in Switzerland, 14 per cent of the total population.

Royal rates continue to rise

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 5 — Local deposit rates continued to rise although the European markets were shut on Sunday, the local and Bahrain markets continued to experience a firming of royal deposit rates. The one-month BIBOR rate reached 10.75 — 11.25 per cent, a rise of almost 0.25 per cent over Saturday. Traders however, said that there was little activity involved with some moderate demand for the local currency coming out of the QIBUS in Bahrain. This is probably due to the expectations of the dollar continuing firm when the European markets open Monday.

It may be noted here, however, that the firming of the royal rates occurred mostly in the short periods with the one year and nine-month deposit rates showing little movement. The one-year BIBOR (Bahrain

inter-bank offer rate) stood at 13.75 per cent, little change over Saturday.

One reason for these increases in deposit rates is that the Bahrain-based offshore banking units are not encumbered with the paying of the legal statutory and penalty reserve requirements that local-based banks have to face. On surpassing 15 times their capital, Kingdom-based banks have to give up 55 per cent of additional deposits as penalty reserves with SAMA on top of the statutory reserves of around 12 per cent — combining current and savings accounts requirements. The Bahrain QIBUS can afford to pay higher interest rates and thus is able to attract funds out of the Kingdom and in general forcing most interest rate levels to rise. This is something that the monetary authorities in the Kingdom know upon and will not tolerate if the rates are pushed up to unacceptable levels for local borrowers.

Eye on future

Venezuela begins tapping river oil belt

MATURIN, Venezuela, April 5 (WP) — On a flat expanse of brownning grassland, 70 miles south of here, with the black balanced hammerheads of oil wells poised to tap the rock below them, Venezuela is starting up one of the biggest projects in its history to forestall the day when its oil runs dry.

Stretching to the south and west of the Jobo II pilot plant, in what many Venezuelans believe is a swath 400 miles long and 50 miles wide, ancient movements of the receding sea have left behind huge deposits of oil so thick, so heavy, and so loaded with minerals — a kind of underground black molasses — that for decades it was ignored as being too costly to pull from the ground.

But "costly" has a whole new meaning in a world where crude oil sells for \$40 a barrel. Venezuela's more conventional oilfields have lost their endless promise, depleted by years of supplying both the exploding internal demand and the voracious needs of the United States, Venezuela's biggest customer. And international producers, now contemplating the eventual end of more easily extractable lighter oils, are taking a new interest in the slow-moving crudes they once dismissed.

So Venezuela — over the strenuous objections of those who say the country's future is being gambled to suit foreign interests — is

plunging on an unprecedented scale into the development of the Orinoco River oil belt, apparently one of the largest heavy oil deposits in the world.

"There's a reserve out there that's equivalent to the biggest thing there is," said a Caracas-based oil man. Added an American diplomatic observer: "I mean, we're talking about 200 to 300 billion barrels of recoverable oil. That's a tremendous thing."

Within the next few weeks, the wells will begin operation at Jobo, a pilot plant designed to determine how much technicians can improve the slow flow of heavy oil by heating it and pushing it with steam injected into the area of the wells. At about the same time, according to those close to the negotiations, the state-owned Petroleum Company Lagoven will announce which foreign company has won the contract to coordinate the main development project. The plan calls for a massive complex, including hundreds of wells, upgrading plants, loading and storage facilities, and — in what is now hot, empty grassland — a city of 40,000 people.

At a projected \$17.5 billion, the cost is staggering. In terms of the national budget, the U.S. equivalent would be about \$1.3 trillion. Bechtel, the San Francisco-based engineering company, is considered such a strong contender for the contract that there

China to honor contracts with Japanese firms

TOKYO, April 5 (R) — China has reversed a decision to cancel orders with Japan for the supply of industrial plants, Japanese newspapers reported Sunday.

The newspapers said Japanese businessman Masao Sakurai, the leader of a trade mission visiting China, told Peking press conference Saturday that China would honor its contracts with Japanese firms.

China announced last January that it was suspending contracts for several projects, including the building of steel and petrochemical complexes, because of a shortage of funds and inadequate energy resources.

The Japanese financial daily *Nihon Keizai Shinbun* said Sunday that the latest decision excluded plants which had been ordered, but were not yet in production.

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Bout ends in a draw

Chandler keeps title

TOKYO, April 5 (AP) — Champion Jeff Chandler of the United States retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title by fighting Japanese challenger Eiziro Murata to a draw in a 15-round championship bout at Tokyo's Kuramae Sumo Hall Sunday.

The 24-year-old Chandler staved off the aggressive Japanese with fast footwork and a sharp uppercut to make his second defense of the 118-pound (53.52-kilogram) division title, he won from Puerto Rico's Julian Solis last November.

There were no knockdowns and neither boxer was seriously hurt in the fight, which occasionally bogged down into a series of clinches and inconsequential punching exchanges.

Judge Humberto Figueroa of Panama gave the fight to Chandler by a 145-142 margin on a ten-point must system, while judge Fernando Viso of Venezuela gave the nod to Murata 147-146. Referee Ernesto Magana of Mexico called the match even at 146-146. In the event of a draw, the champion retains his title.

The only convincing blow of the fight came in the first round when Murata landed a hard right to the champion's jaw, sending him reeling back to the ropes and bringing the highly partisan Japanese crowd of 6,000 to its feet.

Palmas outpoints Cruz

Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 5 (AP) — Argentina's Sergio Palmas retained his World Boxing Association junior featherweight title Saturday night with a unanimous decision over Leonardo Cruz of the Dominican Republic.

Referee Nate Morgan awarded Palma 140 points to 138 for Cruz in the 15-round bout. Judges Timothy Keleher and Harry Cechini gave the defending champion edges of 149 to 142 and 148 to 141, respectively.

A capacity crowd of more than 20,000 screaming, partisan spectators at Luna Park watched Palma register his second successful defense of the 132-pound (55.45-kilogram) weight class crown he won last August by knocking out U.S. boxer Leo Randolph at Spokane, Washington.

The slugfest between 25-year-old right-handers appeared to be closer than the scor-

ing indicated. Palma threw and landed more punches, but his attack was neutralized most of the evening by the challenger's defensive countering to the head and body.

After two rounds of speculative sparring, Cruz threw a foul punch to the neck that prompted a showy, if ineffective, flurry of combinations from his rival.

The Dominican fighter absorbed stronger punches in the sixth round but came back with effective blows to the champion's head. But he lost a point in the eighth round, when he appeared at his strongest, by throwing a low blow.

Cruz kept the fight close through 10 rounds before the champion's superiority became evident. In the 12th Cruz took a body blow that appeared to undermine his resistance, although he replied with a flurry of punches, most of them wild.

Alexander Pelen outpointed Egypt's Ibrahim Awad to reach the quarterfinals in the bantamweight division, and lightweight Levin Wuscher also reached the quarterfinals with a points victory over Japan's Takeyuri Akagi.

Boxing promoter Smith arrested

LOS ANGELES, April 5 (R) — Boxing promoter Harold Smith, a missing figure in an alleged \$21 million bank fraud, was arrested here Saturday, a spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said.

Smith, chairman of the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports organization, was accused of making a false statement on a sport application and will be formally charged on Monday, the spokesman added. He refused to give any more details except to say Smith was being held in custody.

Smith's organization paid former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali for the use of his name in promoting sports events, but FBI officials have said there is no evidence that Ali was involved in any wrong-doing.

Smith, 37, is one of the defendants named in a court suit filed by the Wells Fargo Bank last February seeking to regain \$21.3 million it alleges were fraudulently withdrawn.

Meanwhile, in Bangkok, the only American boxers in action on the third day of the King's Cup Amateur Boxing Tournament won their bouts.

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Korchnoi moves up

LONE PINE, California, April 5 (AP) — Victor Korchnoi, former Russian grand master now living in Switzerland, has taken the lead after five rounds of the Louis Stahlman International Chess Tournament at this small mountain community 200 miles (321 km) north of Los Angeles.

Arriving unregistered to take part in the \$50,000 tournament, Korchnoi's appearance created a problem for two Soviet grandmasters, because for three years Russian chess players have boycotted tournaments he has entered. But when they checked with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., Oleg Romanishin and Artur Yusupov received approval to play.

Through Friday's matches, Korchnoi won four games with one draw in the first five games for a 4 1/2-1/2 record. In second place with 4 1/2 after winning four matches and losing one was former world junior champion Yasser Seirawan of Seattle.

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To claim men's crown

Abastillas rallies from brink of defeat

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, April 5 — How are the mighty fallen? This must be the question Jerry Hurst is literally asking after failing by a whisker to down Renne Abastillas, Friday, and so retain the singles trophy in the Air France Open Tennis Tournament.

Hurst stretched Abastillas to one set down and five games all in the second before conceding and going down 6-4, 5-7, 2-6 in a final lasting nearly two and a half hours. Abastillas appeared below his best, but who's to decide if his lack of form was due to Hurst's great tennis or just an off day.

Certainly, when Hurst followed his deep first serve to the net, Abastillas had no answers as he found his returns volleyed consistently away for winners. Hurst remained unbeatable at the net for most of the first two sets but perhaps the fact of three hard semifinals the previous day accounted for a subsequent slight loss of form in the serve, and at the net which allowed Abastillas to fight his way back into the match and run out the eventual winner.

Abastillas on his part seemed unwilling to vary his game and found his power play continually overcome by Hurst's accurate volleying. An unusually high number of apparently unforced errors also helped to force some comments of frustration out of the usually cool Abastillas.

One of these comments came when he was foot-faulted twice in the same service game, but he quickly found an answer. As one observant spectator noted, Abastillas seemed to hover during his next serves just to make sure (the camera never lies!) Naturally the last word must go to the winner, and full

of the tie-breaker.

In another match the Soviet Union drew 1-1 with Malaysia to win a berth in the semifinals. New Zealand had qualified for the semifinals earlier Sunday by beating Belgium 1-0.

The fourth semifinals will be decided Monday, with Malaysia in a good position to capture the slot.

In other matches played Sunday, Japan beat Zimbabwe 6-3 after leading 2-1 at half-time. France beat Canada 2-1 with all the goals coming in the first half.

In the Ireland-Singapore match Ireland led 3-0 at halftime, while in the Soviet Union-Malaysia match both goals came in the first half.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union defeated Australia 5-1 Saturday to win third place in the Women's World Cup field hockey tournament.

Australia, which finished in fourth place, started slowly and never was able to get on top against the workmanlike Russians who displayed excellent teamwork.

Valentina Zazaravka got the first goal in the 10th minute for the Soviet Union when she converted a penalty push. Natalia Bykova made it 2-0 within 15 minutes.

The game became more even after 20 minutes with Australia's Julie Sunderland and Susana Watkins leading raids up the left wing. The Soviets conceded a penalty in a goal scramble and Watkins converted after 31 minutes to make the score 2-1.

The Australians came close again in the opening minutes of the second half, but Russia's Natella Krasnikova settled the match

credit to Abastillas, who overcame the pressure of the crowd and Jerry Hurst to take the title.

Thursday's semifinals produced a few surprises, the most notable being in the doubles events where Peter Sterry and Karen Briers pushed out Hurst (on his third match of the day) and his partner Udo Poppe. 6-2, 6-3 and that "almost unbeatable" pair of Christine Lamb and Donna Perry crashed to No. 4 seeds Karen Lindenberger and Innes Innocent, 6-1, 0-6, 7-5 in what was the most dramatic semifinal. It also gave Lindenberger her third finals berth. However, the seeding proved extremely accurate and in nearly

every event at least three of the top four seeds reached the semifinal stages.

Friday's finals had a distinct carnival atmosphere, or as close to one as is possible in tennis tournaments. Lockheed made special arrangements which allowed over two hundred spectators good viewing, and there was always an expectant air at the thought of a possible upset. The day began with R. Hermansson beating Mats Norberg 6-1, 6-0 to take the boys' trophy. The girls' final followed and saw Harriet Wilcox edge Lynn Briers 6-4, 6-4. Karen Lindenberger then began the first of her three finals, the women's singles, but found Donna Perry too consistent and powerful. Perry ran out the 6-4, 6-1 champion.

After the men's singles, Lindenberger was back on court with her partner, Innocent in the women's doubles, but they found their enthusiastic start worn down by Jittra Abraham and Yasmin Abu Jabr, who eventually finished 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 winners. This was the only final won by unseeded players, and, indeed only two finals were not taken by top seed.

Abastillas then claimed his second trophy (or was it an umbrella?) when he partnered Mike Reilly in the men's doubles, and downed Sterry and Briers 6-2, 6-2.

The day finished with Lindenberger partnering Joe Reilly in her third final: two lost, one to go. Would she be a three times loser? Hurst and Christine Lamb, on the other side of the net, intended it that way. Unfortunately for them, some higher force intended otherwise and Lindenberger gave an audible gasp (or was it a feminine shriek?) as Hurst netted the final point to give her and Reilly game, set and match.

(photo by Laurie Thomas)

TRYING: Jerry Hurst grimaces as he puts full effort into a backhand volley

when she netted a penalty-corner after 48 minutes and added a field goal after 49 minutes.

Zazaravka scored the fifth Soviet goal following up a corner shot at 54 minutes.

Japan held Belgium to a 1-1 tie and then won a tie-breaker 4-2 to capture seventh place in the tournament.

Japanese goalkeeper Yoko Tanaka was the hero of the nearly two-hour game at the Palermo Polo grounds with the teams playing five extra periods before the tie-breaker was ordered. She saved one penalty during the second extra-time period and two more in the

tie-breaker.

Belgium, which remained in eighth place, took the initiative in the opening minutes, but were unable to penetrate the circle. Belgian goalie Brigitte Cartier brought off save with her foot in the 20th minute and the Belgians went ahead 1-0 after 32 minutes.

The Japanese launched an attack, earning several penalty-corners, in the second half and equalized in the 53rd minute through Rieko Suzuki.

The five extra periods saw fast end to end play with several goal scoring chances on both sides, but no goals.

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (R) — Egypt beat Kenya 5-3 in an African Nations' Soccer Cup first round first leg match Saturday. Badawi Hamoudah, Martin Ochieng, Mahmoud el Khatib and Ramadan el Sayed scored for Egypt while Nahashon Otoo, Joe Masige and Jared Inguta netted for Kenya.

DACCA, (R) — Bangladeshi Green team and North Korea drew 1-1 Saturday to qualify for the semifinals of the President's Gold Cup Football Tournament. North Korea led 1-0 at halftime.

PORTO CERVO, Sardinia, (AP) — Markku Ailen and his Fiat 131 Abarth dominated the Costa Smeralda Auto Rally as the 11th event of the European Championship moved through its second day of competition here Friday. Ailen in the lead from the start, was timed in 2 hours 52 minutes 51 second after 19 special sectors.

DETROIT, (AP) — A long awaited contest between Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard for a global welterweight boxing title has been agreed between the two champions according to the Detroit Free Press here Saturday. A contract was signed by Hearns the World Boxing Association

welterweight champion and Leonard the World Boxing Council welterweight champion in Washington on Wednesday.

AMIENS, France, (AFP) — Jacques Bataille, former European featherweight amateur champion, died here on Saturday after a long illness. He was 51 years old.

Bataille won the European amateur featherweight title in June, 1949, at Oslo and then won the Chicago Golden Gloves the next year.

IMOLA, Italy, (AFP) — American Wes Cooley, driving a Suzuki 1025, won the 100 miles of Imola Motorcycling race here on Saturday at the Dino Ferrari track.

RANCHO MIRAGE, California (AP) — Carolyn Hill, one of the most promising newcomers on the women's golf tour, shot her third consecutive 2-under-par 70 Saturday to take a one stroke lead after three rounds of the \$250,000 Colgate-Dinah Shore tournament.

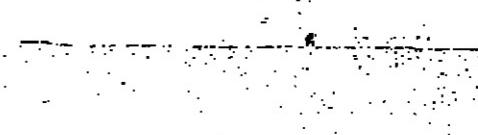
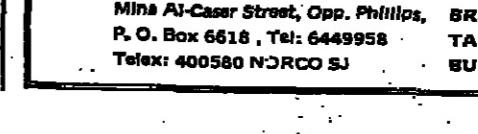
MEERBEKE, Belgium (AFP) — Henrie Kuiper of the Netherlands won the 226 kilometers tour of Flanders Cycling Classic here Sunday.

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Malta gives fancied E. Germany a fright

VALLETTA, April 5 (R) — The powerful German soccer team conceded the opening goal of the match and finally beat the Germans of Malta only 2-1 in a European Cup Seven World Cup qualifying match today.

The enthusiastic Maltese pressed hard, and in the second half the East German defense looked in a state of near panic. Malta had a plea for a penalty turned down when Xuereb was brought down by two tenders as he was going through.

East Germany opened strongly and had a ball in the Maltese net in the second minute, but it was ruled negative for offside.

In British Open

Briars bows to Zaman

LONDON, April 5 (R) — Gawai Briars, England's No. 1 squash players, marked his 3rd birthday Saturday with a sparkling but unsuccessful effort against World No. 1 Kumar Zaman in the British Open Championship at Bromley near here.

Briars battled gamely and skilfully for just over an hour before going down 9-5, 5-9, 9-1, 9-9, 2-0 to the Pakistani star in the third round.

Zaman, one of the most exciting stroke-layer in the game, was given several worrying moments in his journey to the quarterfinals. But in the end he profited from a sudden loss of concentration by Briars in the final game.

The Briton said he had been upset by some of the referee's decisions, but added: "It's my fault — I shouldn't have got upset and lost my concentration."

Also through to the quarterfinals are world champion Geoff Hunt of Australia and Jahangir Khan, the 17-year-old Pakistani

who is tipped to give Zaman a tough time in their expected semifinal clash.

Hunt, attempting to win a record eighth British title, beat fellow Australian Steve Bowditch 9-5, 9-7, 9-6 and Jahangir Khan beat another Australian, Dean Williams, 9-3, 9-0, 9-2.

Results (Third Round): Hiday Jahan (Pakistan) beat Gogi Attauddin (Pakistan) 1-9, 10-8, 9-0, 9-1; Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat Dean Williams (Australia) 9-3, 9-0, 9-2; Magsood Ahmed (Pakistan) beat Daulat Khan (Pakistan) 9-5, 9-2, 9-5; Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) beat Gawai Briars (England) 9-5, 5-9, 9-1, 1-9, 9-2.

Geoff Hunt (Australia) beat Steve Bowditch (Australia) 9-5, 9-7, 9-6; Phil Kenyon (Britain) beat Bruce Brownlee (New Zealand) 9-1, 9-5, 9-7; Ross Norman (New Zealand) beat Magdi Saad (Egypt) 9-3, 9-3 9-2; Gamal Awad (Egypt) beat Lars Kvart (Sweden) 9-7, 9-5, 9-2.

McEnroe, Snid enter final

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 5 (P) — John McEnroe of the United States breezed by countryman Stan Smith 6-2, 6-3 to gain the final of the \$175,000 Grand Prix tennis Tournament here Saturday. McEnroe will face Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia.

Meanwhile, Americans Fritz Buehning and Tim Gullikson, the two top seeds for the South African Tennis Grand Prix, have withdrawn, the *Sunday Express* reported.

Gullikson reportedly told South African promoter Owen Williams that he decided to opt out because of the international blacklisting of South Africa as a protest against its racial segregation laws. Black African nations have been the prime sponsors of the sports blacklist, which is now affecting cricket and rugby also.

"At present, the blacklist is feeding on itself, on the publicity it was getting and, it was self-generating. Either it will gain momentum and credibility — which will spell trouble for South African sport — or it will fade away and become a dismal failure," Williams said.

He said the Grand Prix was going ahead as planned. "It was intended really for local players — and the players who lose through the blacklist won't make any difference to the success on the tournament," he said.

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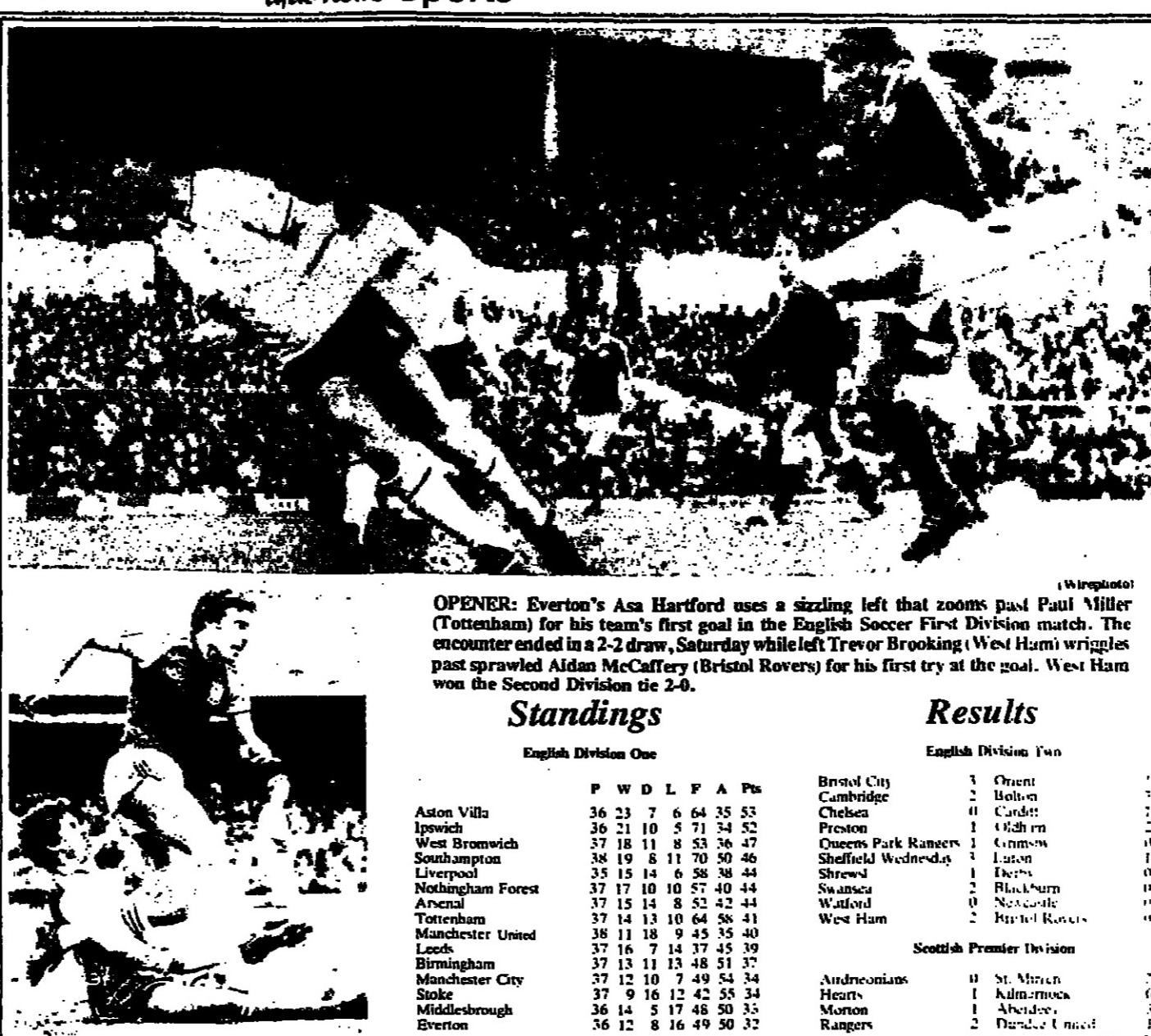
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OPENER: Everton's Asa Hartford uses a sizzling left that zooms past Paul Miller (Tottenham) for his team's first goal in the English Soccer First Division match. The encounter ended in a 2-2 draw, Saturday while left Trevor Brookins (West Ham) wriggles past sprawled Aidan McCaffery (Bristol Rovers) for his first try at the goal. West Ham won the Second Division tie 2-0.

Standings

English Division One

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Aston Villa	36	23	7	6	64	35	53
Ipswich	36	21	10	5	71	54	52
West Bromwich	37	18	11	8	53	56	47
Southampton	38	19	8	11	70	50	46
Liverpool	35	15	14	6	58	38	44
Nottingham Forest	37	17	10	10	57	40	44
Arsenal	37	15	14	8	52	42	44
Tottenham	37	14	13	10	60	56	41
Manchester United	38	11	11	11	55	40	40
Leeds	37	16	7	14	37	45	39
Birmingham	37	13	11	13	48	51	37
Manchester City	37	12	10	7	49	54	34
Stoke	37	9	16	12	42	55	34
Middlesbrough	36	14	5	17	47	50	35
Everton	36	12	8	16	49	50	32

Results

English Division Two

Brent City	1	Orient
Cambridge	2	Bolton
Cheltenham	0	Cardiff
Preston	1	Colchis
Queens Park Rangers	1	Coventry
Sheffield Wednesday	3	Leeds
Shrewsbury	1	Derby
Swansea	2	Blackburn
Watford	0	Newcastle
West Ham	2	Bristol Rovers

Scottish Premier Division	
Audmeonians	0
Hearts	1
Morton	1
Rangers	2
St Mirren	2
Kilmarnock	0
Aberdeen	1
Dundee United	1

Kohde stumbles past Horvath

BOISE, Idaho, April 5 (AP) — Paced by a solid 96 by veteran opener Geoff Boycott and with plenty of adventures batting from his partners, England reached 334 for seven at the end of the first day of their four-day cricket match against Jamaica here Saturday.

Kiyomura defeated Lena Sandin of Sweden 6-3, 6-1 in a 58-minute game, while top seeded Kohde defeated Kathleen Horvath of the U.S. 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 in a 2 1/4-hour game.

The 15-year old Horvath led in the third set 5-3, until Kohde held her serve to make it 4-5 and broke her opponent's serve in the 10th game to tie it 5-5.

In the third place doubles playoff action Saturday, Laura Dupont and Barbara Jordan took third place in the tournament after defeating Marjorie Blackwood and Susan Lee 8-1 in a pro set.

The singles champion will take a \$15,000 check while the runner-up takes \$8,000.

Boycott falls two short of ton

where Everton Mattis took the catch.

Another important innings was played by Mike Gatting, who ended a long succession of low scores to his 52 not out. However, he was lucky to get past his first ball which he cut to Rowe at slip, who dropped it off spinner Malcolm Holding who was resting.

Boycott batted almost five hours and appeared certain to reach his second successive century, following his undefeated 104 in the second innings of the fourth Test in Antigua on Wednesday, before he was outfoxed by 20-year-old fast bowler Percy Tomlinson using the second new ball in the final half hour's play.

Fears of trouble over the presence in the England team of players who have been to South Africa did not materialize but the England team is still being provided with extra police protection and security at their hotel as a precaution.

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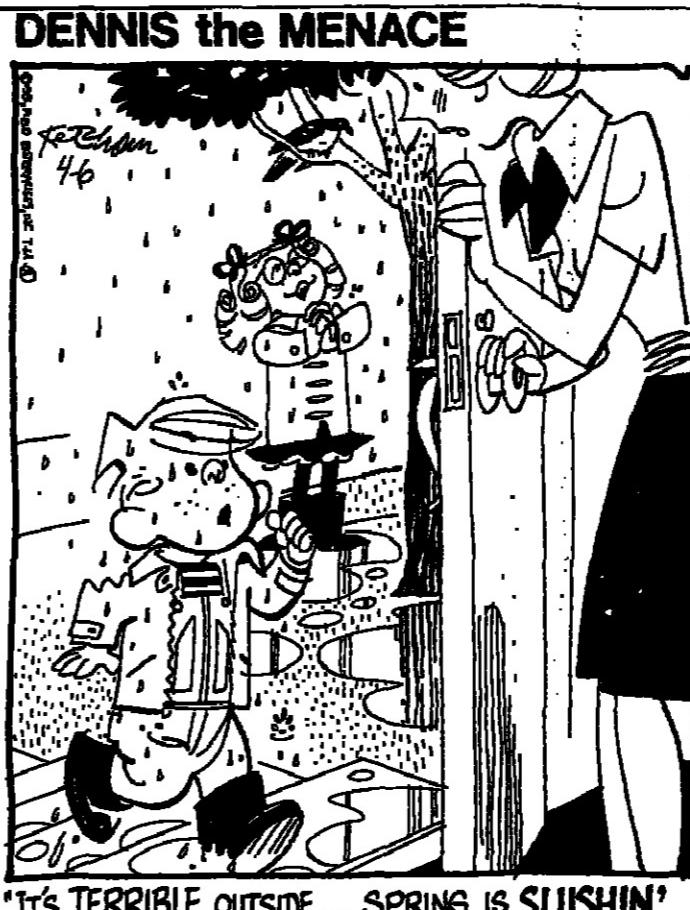
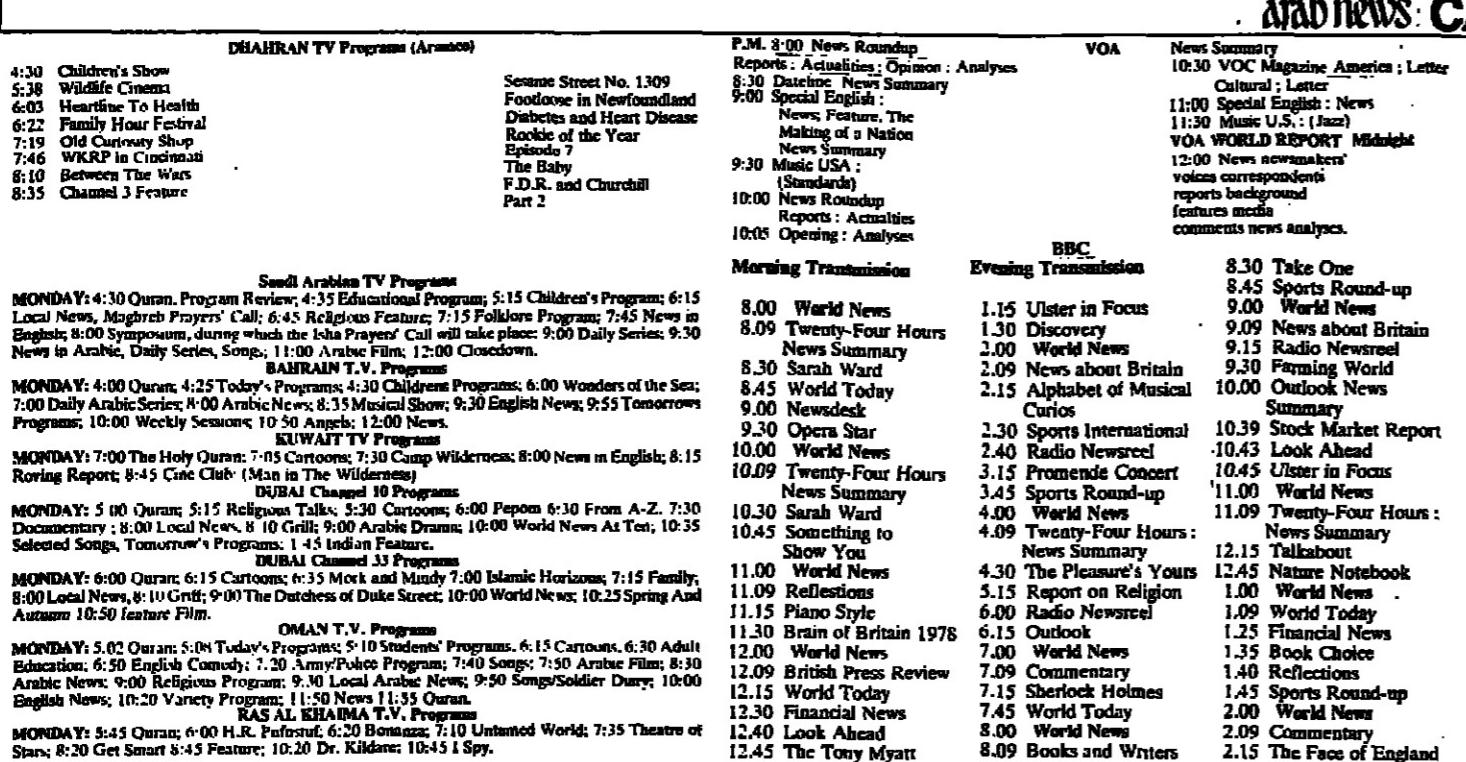
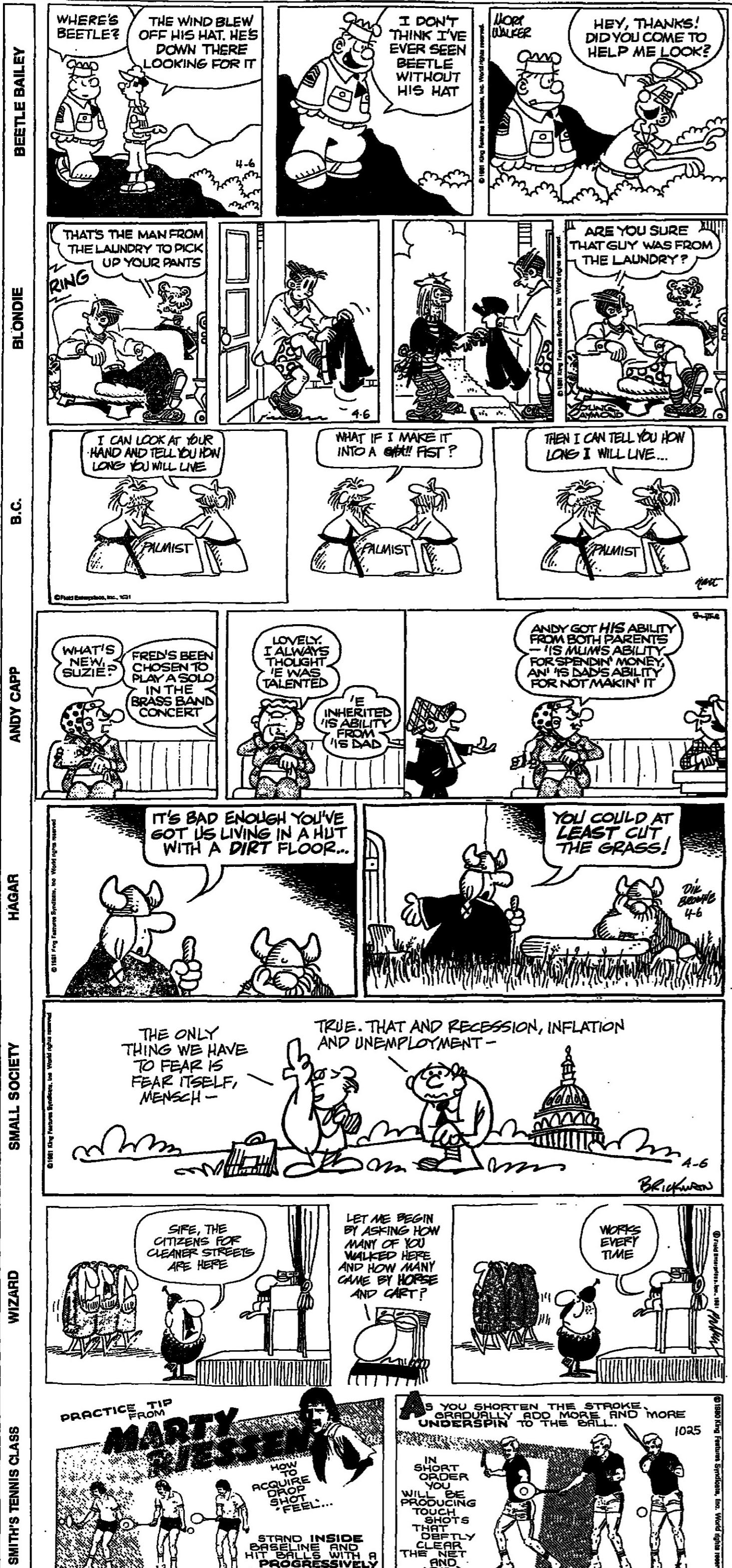
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and a balanced hand. D'Alelio's jump to three diamonds announced a solid or semi-solid suit requiring little or no support. Three notrump was a sign-off, but D'Alelio, anticipating a slam if his partner had either two or three aces, bid four notrump.

The Italians were playing Roman Blackwood and — in accordance with this convention — the five club response showed either three aces or none. D'Alelio naturally assumed his partner had three aces and continued with five notrump, asking for kings.

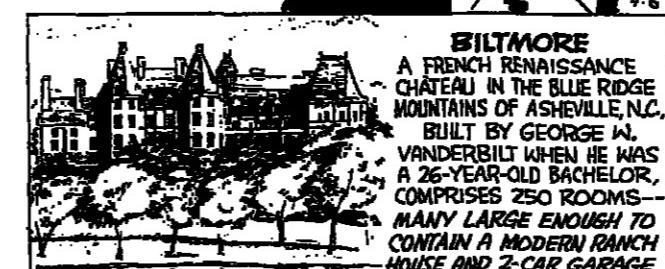
Six clubs showed three kings or none, and D'Alelio concluded it indicated none, for on North's bidding he could not possibly have three aces and three kings.

So D'Alelio bid six diamonds and, for the first and only time in his career, discovered he had misgauged his partner's holding by three aces.

West led a heart, dummy's queen losing to the ace, but when East failed to return a spade, D'Alelio went down only one.

At the other table, the Chilean North-South pair got to five diamonds (instead of three notrump) and lost three aces in the course of the play — so the outcome of all the high-level gymnastics was that the hand was a washout.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

The afternoon affords a chance to recoup financial losses. Utilize initiative. Check with partners about a possible purchase.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Don't take others into your confidence. Work in private for your best success. Guard against excesses during after-dinner hours.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Share your woes with a friend. Don't become too introspective. An escapist mood prevails towards nightfall. Watch your step.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Friends are distracting in the morning, though a later business meeting should go well. Relatives may not be in the mood for company.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Your career ideas may be out of line. Seek proper advice. Don't commit yourself to a project unless you can follow through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Better check with experts about a financial matter. Conflicting advice makes

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't evade responsibilities. Be willing to help close friends with their duties. You can be sure your aid will be appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

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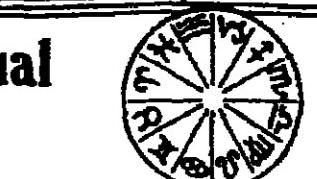
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Watch minor disputes about money. Be amenable to talking out family problems and you'll be pleased with the response you obtain.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

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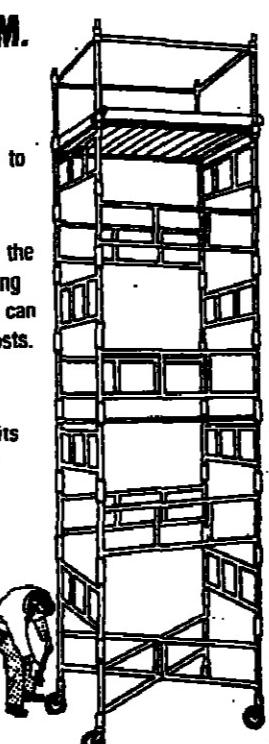
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At NATO meeting

America to outline big policy changes

BRUSSELS, April 5 (R) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will outline the big changes in military policy now taking shape in Washington when he attends a NATO ministerial meeting this week, alliance sources said. But during his first visit to Europe since the Reagan administration took office, he is expected to avoid such controversial issues as the neutron warhead and the level of West European defense spending.

The two-day session of NATO's nuclear planning group (NPG), starting Tuesday in Bonn, will give the defense ministers of Washington's allies an opportunity to express their concerns before the new U.S. policy is given final form, they said. The sources said that although the NPG is in theory exclusively concerned with nuclear strategy, Weinberger will probably brief his NATO colleagues on the latest U.S. intelligence reports about Poland.

Weinberger will open the meeting with a report on the East-West nuclear balance of



Soviet Prime Minister Tikhonov

Tikhonov starts West trip today

VIENNA, April 5 (R) — Diplomatic trial balloons may be set off in several directions this week when Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov visits neutral Austria on his first official trip to the West. The five-day visit, starting Monday, should cover the North-South dialogue between industrialized and developing states; East-West detente in Europe and several pressing Soviet-Austrian issues, Austrian officials say.

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, co-sponsor of a planned North-South summit in October to revive the stalled dialogue on help for the world's poor, will give Tikhonov an invitation for Soviet participation.

It is still unsure whether Moscow, which blames Third World poverty on Western colonialist policies, will attend the meeting to be held in Mexico, officials said. They noted that Moscow, despite its professed support for black nationalist movements in Africa, was absent from a major aid-pledging conference last month for Zimbabwe, the most recently independent African state.

Informed sources at a preparatory meeting in Vienna last month said the Soviet Union seemed reluctant to attend the summit, to which leaders of 32 other states, including China and the United States, have been invited. The officials said Tikhonov might use his first Western trip to launch another Soviet appeal for a conference on military aspects of European detente.

Austrian press reports said Moscow was also trying to organize a meeting of politicians and party representatives from the 35 Helsinki final act signatory states to discuss new ways of ensuring European security.

Economic officials hope Tikhonov, an economist and former planning official, will also discuss possible Soviet purchases to help balance Austria's 1980 record trade deficit with Moscow.

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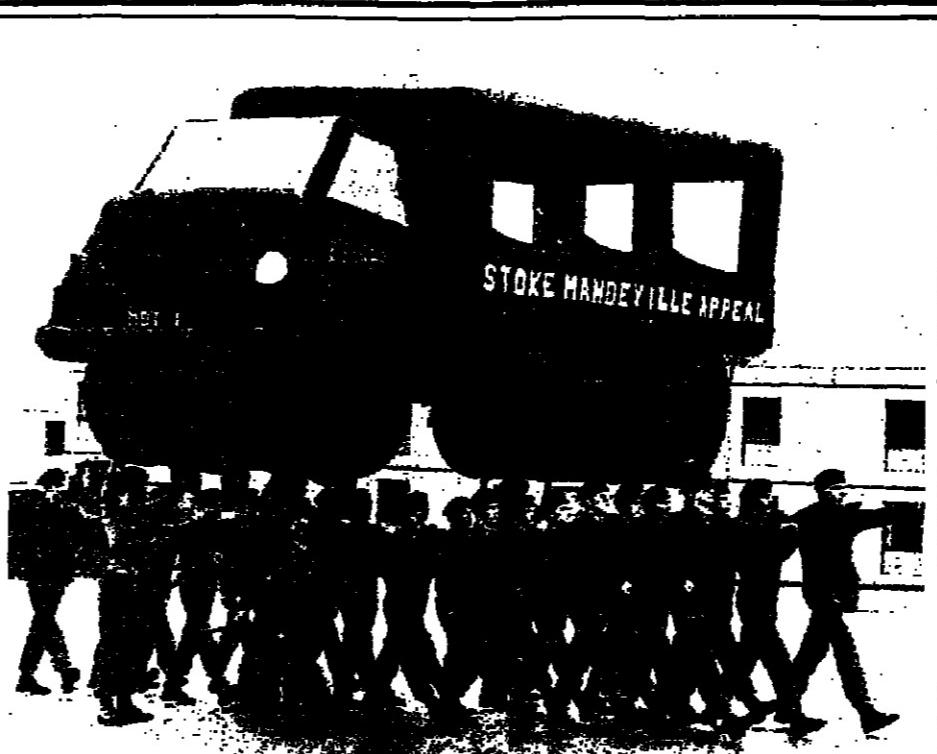
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Prem's friends planned aborted Thailand coup

BANGKOK, April 5 (AP) — Although Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda successfully crushed the coup attempt by top military officers Friday, observers here say his troubles are far from over.

"If Prem thinks he is the winner of this political wrangle, he is wrong," said one Thai politician. He has pitted factions of his army against each other, and he has lost nearly half of his best commanders."

The coup attempt, which began early Wednesday morning and lasted 56 hours, was crushed almost without resistance in less than three hours Friday, when Prem sent thousands of troops rolling into the capital,

closing the airport, occupying radio and television stations and taking government buildings under his control.

Unlike previous military coups, which were struggles between opposing groups, Wednesday's coup was reportedly engineered by a group of Prem's own protégés and one-time friends who had been his main supporters since he entered politics four years ago.

At the height of the coup, Prem dismissed one of his commanders, considered the "brains" of the Thai army. His close friend and personal aide, Gen. Sanit Chitpatima, appointed as coup leader, was stripped of his army rank and is believed to have fled the country.

The abortive coup demonstrated that Prem no longer was able to hold the unified command of his army. Some 42 commanders, controlling 42 battalions in the central military region, appeared with the rebel leader on television on the second night of the coup.

The first sign of trouble cropped up last October when Prem agreed to let Parliament amend a law allowing him to extend his term as commander of the Thai army for one more year. He was due for mandatory retirement then at the age of 60.

Prem's decision angered some young officers, a new breed of liberal-minded men with an average age of 40 known to favor democracy.

Military sources said these officers began plotting the coup when there were indications that Prem was contemplating the extension of his military term for a second time. They opposed Prem's idea of holding the posts of prime minister and army chief at the same time, said a highly-placed source in the military.

The coup leaders sought support from the citizens of Bangkok for their manifesto, which reflected general anxieties of the common people and educated classes — condemning increasing crime, drug use and an erosion of moral values. Their appeal achieved a certain amount of success.

"Prem defeated his opposition but he should not consider that as a mandate to continue as before," said a politician who is a member of Prem's coalition. "He should tackle the problems cited by his opposition," he added — deterioration of the traditional Thai values and goodwill, increasing economic pressure on the poor, and an intolerable amount of self-interest and infighting between political parties."

Travelers arriving in Belgrade from Pristina Saturday said the city was completely cordoned off by army and police and that residents out of the city at the time of the riots were not allowed to go home for the time being. Jets had flown low over Pristina and tanks had rolled into the city after the state of emergency was declared, trains out of Kosovo were crowded with non-Albanians and Pristina residents were advised to buy large supplies of food in case of continued disturbances, they said. Foreign embassies in Belgrade were officially advised that Kosovo was closed to visitors indefinitely, diplomats here said.

Yugoslav leaders have condemned the demonstrations which they said were organized by "hostile nationalist and separatist elements" with the aim of undermining the country's stability, unity, independence and territorial integrity. Yugoslav and Kosovo leaders made clear in public statements that any further attempts at disruptions in the province would be "drastically dealt with."

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug carried scores of cables from all over the country to the leadership condemning the riots. It also carried editorials in national and provincial newspapers, attacking "enemies" who tried to undermine the constitutional order, unity and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia.

The deaths increased the toll to at least 16 in six days of bloody violence between the two groups, the report said.

Iran planes hit civilian targets, Iraq says

BEIRUT, April 5 (Agencies) — Iranian planes attacked civilian and military targets in Iraq Saturday, killing two persons and wounding 23, all civilians, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It quoted a high command communiqué as saying the planes which attacked an Iraqi military airport came from within Syria.

According to the communiqué, the first raid took place around noon aimed at residential districts in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad. In addition to the casualties, two houses were damaged. About half an hour later, the planes attacked "one of our airports close to the Syrian border, coming from within Syria," the communiqué said. It did not refer to casualties or damage.

Tehran Radio said Iranian jets attacked four air bases deep inside Iraq, setting all Iraqi aircraft on the ground on fire and damaging the bases. An official in the Iranian military command denied later any of its attacking planes came from Syria or any civilian targets were attacked.

The Iraqi communiqué said the Iranian jets were fired on and forced to turn back. Referring to Friday's military operations, the communiqué said that 71 Iranians had been killed, compared with four Iraqis. Fighting in the Mehrab area, in western Kermanshah province, resulted in 43 Iranians killed.

The high command said Iraqi forces were determined to continue striking at Iranian troops until Iran recognized Iraq's national and pan-Arab rights. This is a reference to Iraq's claim of full sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab waterway dividing the two countries and to Arab claims to three Gulf islands occupied during the late Shah's regime.

Meanwhile, Iran's Defense Minister Javad Fakouri said Sunday that Iranian aircraft had destroyed Tupolev bombers and long-range fighters at an Iraqi base near the Jordanian border to show that no part of Iraq was safe from the Iranian air attack. He named the airbase as Haj Sen and said it was only 50 kms from the border, implying that the Iranian strike force had crossed the entire breadth of Iraqi territory and evaded Iraq's sophisticated Soviet-supplied air defense system.

Col. Fakouri, who is also commander of the Air Force, said on state radio the Iraqi air base farthest from Iranian territory had been selected for the attack to show President Saddam Hussein that no point in Iraq was beyond the reach of the Iranian air force.

"From now on, we will strike at any point inside Iraq unless Saddam comes to his senses," Col. Fakouri said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A few weeks ago, a British member of parliament died suddenly of a heart attack in London. He represented a Northern Ireland constituency. The British press tried to write something about him — what he was like, where he really stood on this or that issue — but failed. It turned out no one in London knew him, not even his colleagues in Parliament. All that was known of him was that he represented a heavily republican area in Northern Ireland.

The reason for this extraordinary obscurity soon came to light. The gentleman came to London very rarely, and he appeared in Parliament only a few times — without speaking once. It also became apparent that his life was not without achievement, and a considerable one at that: It was his vote (as you might expect, it was an abstention) that caused the Callaghan government to collapse in 1979. An achievement which he fully earned, since he did not simply stay away as was his wont, but came to London specially to abstain.

Up to a few years ago such lack of attendance to Parliament was quite common. Members could do this owing to the system of "pairing", through which a member of one of the main parties could absent himself at will from the House so long as there's a member of the other party wanting to do the same. The arrangement had the aim of preventing harm to any party's voting power through absenteeism. The Conservatives, however, stopped "pairing" at a certain point, and now MP's have to drop everything and rush to the House if there's an important vote.

This has been causing real trouble to some members, who had to rush from hospital to vote and then rush back again to continue treatment. At one time, when a crucial vote was to be held, a Labor member was unconscious in hospital following a heart attack. The votes were expected to be very close and the poor man might be dead, in which case his vote wouldn't count.

They had to bring equipment to prove that his heart was still ticking, so the vote was proved legitimate... And that was the man's great achievement: Saving his party from defeat while being unconscious.

Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*.

Tremor rocks Sicily

MESSINA, April 5 (AP) — An earth tremor struck this Sicilian city Sunday and caused hundreds of worshippers to flee their churches and other people to rush out of their homes because they were afraid the buildings might collapse, police said.

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